Pond Word Check

Use nearby clues to check words as you read.

RF.3.4.c "While reading, use context to confirm accuracy or self-correct word recognition errors, rereading as necessary."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the story, and underline four words you want to check. Circle nearby words that help you decide whether you read each one correctly.

The Boat at the Pond

1. On Saturday, Mina and her grandfather visited a pond behind their house. After a storm, leaves covered the water near the shore. Mina brought a small pail to collect bits of litter. She filled it with a wet paper cup and two bottle caps. Grandfather held the pail while Mina picked up a wrapper stuck in the mud.

2. A breeze pushed a toy boat away from the pond's edge. Its bright red sail caught the wind, and the boat began to move away from Mina. She did not step into the water. Instead, she found a long branch on the ground. Grandfather held her hand as she reached out and gently guided the boat back.

3. As Mina lifted the boat, she noticed tall reeds growing at the pond's edge. A tiny frog jumped from the green stems and splashed into the water. Mina set the boat on a dry rock and looked for its owner. A boy on the path waved and called, 'That's mine!' Mina handed him the boat and smiled.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. A reader says “store” instead of a word in paragraph 1. What is the correct word? What clue helps you check it?

2. A reader says “pale” instead of a word in paragraph 1. What is the correct word? What clue helps you check it?

3. A reader says “snail” instead of a word in paragraph 2. What is the correct word? What clue helps you check it?

4. A reader says “reads” instead of a word in paragraph 3. What is the correct word? What clue helps you check it?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write one sentence about being outdoors that includes a word someone might misread and a clue to help them. Write a second sentence naming a possible wrong word, the correct word, and your clue. Do not use shore, pail, sail, or reeds.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read the story, and underline four words you want to check. Circle nearby words that help you decide whether you read each one correctly. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	A reader says “store” instead of a word in paragraph 1. What is the correct word? What clue helps you check it?	**Shore. The leaves are on the water near it, so shore fits.**
2	A reader says “pale” instead of a word in paragraph 1. What is the correct word? What clue helps you check it?	**Pail. Mina fills it with litter, so it is a container.**
3	A reader says “snail” instead of a word in paragraph 2. What is the correct word? What clue helps you check it?	**Sail. It is on a toy boat and catches the wind.**
4	A reader says “reads” instead of a word in paragraph 3. What is the correct word? What clue helps you check it?	**Reeds. They are growing at the pond's edge and have green stems.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I put on my boots before walking through deep mud. Someone might read “boots” as “books,” but “walking through deep mud” tells me the word is “boots.”

Accept other passage clues that reasonably support each correction. For the marking job and open task, look for a word checked using a nearby clue, not just a corrected spelling.