

Clues at the Park

Use nearby words to check the meaning of an unfamiliar word.

2RF4.b "Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each bold word and circle the nearby words that help you figure out what it means.

Mina Visits the Park

- ① Mina carried a small bag of seeds to the park. Near a bench, she saw a **sprout** pushing through the dark soil. Two tiny green leaves reached toward the sun.
- ② A robin landed nearby and pecked at the ground. Mina stayed very still so the bird would not fly away. The robin found a worm, then gave a quick **chirp** from the fence. Mina heard the small sound.
- ③ A breeze moved through the trees, and the leaves began to **rustle**. Mina heard a soft, dry sound above her. She smiled and sprinkled the seeds in an empty patch of soil.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Reread paragraph 1. What does **sprout** mean? Write one clue that helped you.

2 Reread paragraph 2. What does **chirp** mean? What tells you it is a sound?

3 Reread paragraph 3. What does **rustle** mean? Which words help you check your answer?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal or plant. Use and underline one word: **scurry**, **glisten**, or **doze**. In the other sentence, add clues that help a reader understand the underlined word.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each bold word and circle the nearby words that help you figure out what it means. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Reread paragraph 1. What does sprout mean? Write one clue that helped you.	A sprout is a young plant beginning to grow. Clues include “pushing through the dark soil” and “two tiny green leaves.”
2	Reread paragraph 2. What does chirp mean? What tells you it is a sound?	Chirp means a small sound made by a bird. “Mina heard the small sound” tells this.
3	Reread paragraph 3. What does rustle mean? Which words help you check your answer?	Rustle means to make a soft, dry sound. The words “soft, dry sound” help check the meaning.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The squirrel began to scurry across the grass. It ran quickly to hide an acorn under a tree.

Accept answers that give a sensible meaning supported by nearby words in the passage. For the open task, accept any two sentences with an underlined target word and clear context clues.