

Rock Pool Readers

Use nearby words to check unfamiliar word meanings.

3RF4.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 Circle *scuttle*, *ledge*, and *current*. Underline nearby words that help you check what each circled word means.

Lila at Low Tide

- ① On Saturday, Lila visited a rocky shore with her uncle. At low tide, pools of water stayed between the rocks. Lila saw a small crab scuttle sideways into a narrow crack. She paused and reread the sentence in the guidebook. The crab was not running like a person. It moved quickly across the wet rock before hiding.
- ② Near one pool, Lila found a ledge above the water. She set her notebook on the flat, narrow shelf of rock and sketched the crab. A wave splashed nearby, but the notebook stayed dry on the ledge. Lila first thought ledge meant a deep hole. She reread the next sentences and changed her mind at once.
- ③ Before they left, the water began to rise. Lila watched a piece of seaweed float away from the shore. Her uncle said, "The current is getting stronger, so stay on the rocks." Lila knew current did not mean something happening now. Here, it meant moving water that could carry seaweed and pull at her boots in the waves.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Reread paragraph 1. What does *scuttle* mean? Which words help you figure it out?

2 Reread paragraph 2. What did Lila first think *ledge* meant? What details helped her correct her thinking?

3 Reread paragraph 3. What does *current* mean in this passage?

4 How does the seaweed detail help Lila check the meaning of *current*?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal using the word *darted*. In the second sentence, add a clue that helps a reader check what *darted* means, then underline your clue.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle *scuttle*, *ledge*, and *current*. Underline nearby words that help you check what each circled word 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 <i>scuttle</i> mean? Which words help you figure it out?	Scuttle means to move quickly sideways. The clues are "sideways" and "moved quickly across the wet rock."
2	Reread paragraph 2. What did Lila first think <i>ledge</i> meant? What details helped her correct her thinking?	She first thought a ledge was a deep hole. "Flat, narrow shelf of rock," "above the water," and the dry notebook show that it is a shelf or edge of rock.
3	Reread paragraph 3. What does <i>current</i> mean in this passage?	Current means moving water.
4	How does the seaweed detail help Lila check the meaning of <i>current</i> ?	The seaweed floats away, showing that moving water can carry things.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The lizard darted under a leaf. It moved so quickly that I saw only its tail.

Accept answers that use nearby details to show that *scuttle* means quick sideways movement, *ledge* means a rock shelf, and *current* means moving water. For Your Turn, accept a sensible animal sentence and an underlined context clue that shows *darted* means moved quickly.