The Thirsty Bean

Use story clues to understand new words.

2.4.R.2 "Students will use context clues to determine the meaning of words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each bold word in the story. Underline words nearby that help you figure out what it means.

Maya's Bean Plant

1. Maya pushed a finger into the garden soil. It felt **parched**. The dirt was so dry that it crumbled like dust. She filled a watering can and carried it to the small bean plant by the fence.

2. The bean plant looked **wilted**. Its leaves hung down instead of standing up. Maya poured water slowly around its stem. Then she waited on the porch while a robin hopped through the garden and tugged a worm from the ground.

3. By evening, the plant had **revived**. Its leaves stood tall again, and its stem no longer drooped. Maya touched the soil. It felt cool and wet now. She smiled and left the watering can beside the fence for tomorrow.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does **parched** mean? Which story words help you know?

2. What does **wilted** mean? Which story words help you know?

3. What does **revived** mean? Which story words help you know?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about something enormous you saw. Use **enormous** in the first sentence, then give a clue to its meaning in the second sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each bold word in the story. Underline words nearby 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	What does **parched** mean? Which story words help you know?	**Parched means very dry. The dirt was so dry that it crumbled like dust.**
2	What does **wilted** mean? Which story words help you know?	**Wilted means drooping. The leaves hung down instead of standing up.**
3	What does **revived** mean? Which story words help you know?	**Revived means perked up again. The leaves stood tall again, and the stem no longer drooped.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I saw an enormous pumpkin at the fair. It was so big that two people had to lift it.

Accept answers that give the correct meaning and point to a fitting clue in the passage. For Your Turn, accept any two sentences with enormous in the first and a clear size clue in the second.