Pond Word Hunt

Use a word guide to understand a pond skater.

2.4.R.4 "Students will use grade-level resource materials (e.g., simple dictionary, glossary) to clarify the meaning of words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the three bold words in the pond story. Underline each meaning in the Word Guide to help you understand what you read.

A Hunter on the Pond

1. Pond skaters glide across a pond. Their long legs rest on top of the water. Tiny hairs on their legs help hold them up. A pond skater can race after a small bug that falls in.

2. Sometimes a pond skater meets a **ripple** from a fish. It can **dart** away from danger. It uses a long, thin mouth to sip juices from insects. This hunter does not swim under the water.

3. The pond is its **habitat**. It needs calm water and food to live there. Pond skaters may share this home with frogs and fish. Word Guide: **ripple**, a small wave; **dart**, to move quickly; **habitat**, a place where a living thing lives.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Use the Word Guide. What is a ripple from a fish?

2. Use the Word Guide. What does it mean when a pond skater darts away?

3. Use the Word Guide. What does habitat tell you about the pond?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Use a classroom dictionary to look up glide. Write a Word Guide entry for glide, then write your own sentence about something besides a pond skater that glides.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the three bold words in the pond story. Underline each meaning in the Word Guide to help you understand what you read. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Use the Word Guide. What is a ripple from a fish?	**A ripple is a small wave.**
2	Use the Word Guide. What does it mean when a pond skater darts away?	**It moves quickly away.**
3	Use the Word Guide. What does habitat tell you about the pond?	**The pond is a place where the pond skater lives.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

glide: to move smoothly. A swan glides across the lake.

Accept equivalent meanings from a grade-level dictionary. The student's new sentence should use glide or glides to describe smooth movement by something other than a pond skater.