Words Take Root

Use clues in a story to learn and use new words.

2.4.R.5 "Students will acquire new grade-level vocabulary, relate new words to prior knowledge, and apply vocabulary in new situations."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle moist, sprout, and support in the passage, then underline nearby words that help you understand each one.

Nia's Bean Plant

1. At school, Nia planted a bean in a clear cup of soil. She kept the soil moist. It felt a little wet, but not muddy. Each morning, she checked the cup to see if anything had changed.

2. A week later, a green sprout pushed up through the soil. The sprout was a tiny new plant. Nia remembered seeing small plants in the garden near her home. Soon, two leaves opened above the soil.

3. Nia put a thin stick beside the young plant. When the stem grew taller, she tied it loosely to the stick. The stick gave the stem support. It helped the stem stay upright as it grew.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does moist mean? Which words in the passage help you know?

2. If a tiny green plant pushed up from a second cup, what passage word would name it? Why?

3. What does support mean here? Which detail helps you know?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine building a clay tower. Write two sentences about it, one using moist and one using support. Show what each word means.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle moist, sprout, and support in the passage, then underline nearby words that help you understand each one. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does moist mean? Which words in the passage help you know?	**Moist means a little wet. The soil felt a little wet, but not muddy.**
2	If a tiny green plant pushed up from a second cup, what passage word would name it? Why?	**It would be a sprout because a sprout is a tiny new plant.**
3	What does support mean here? Which detail helps you know?	**Support means help holding something up. The stick helped the stem stay upright.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I added a little water to keep the clay moist. I put a block under my tall tower for support.

Accept answers that use passage clues to show each word's meaning. For the open task, look for two sentences that use moist and support correctly in the clay tower situation.