Lodge Word Clues

Use word parts and nearby clues to read new words.

3.2.PWS.3 "Students will use decoding skills and semantics in context when reading new words in a text, including multisyllabic words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle entrance, underwater, waterproof, and repair in the passage. Draw short lines between each word's syllables, then underline nearby words that help you tell what it means.

The Beaver's Hidden Door

1. At dusk, a beaver paddles across a pond with a branch in its teeth. It dives to the entrance of its lodge, then slips through the opening into a dry room. The door is underwater, far below the pond's surface. This hidden way in helps keep hungry animals on shore from reaching the beaver's young.

2. Inside, the beaver shakes its waterproof fur. Drops roll off the thick coat instead of soaking through to its skin. The beaver places the new branch against a wall made of sticks and mud. It presses mud into the gaps. Mud helps stop cold wind from blowing into the room, where the family rests above the water.

3. After a storm, one wall has a small hole. The beaver must repair it before the next cold night. It pushes fresh sticks into the hole and packs mud around them. Soon the wall is strong again. Beavers work on their homes again and again. They also build dams with branches and mud to make ponds deeper.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Divide entrance into syllables. What does it mean here, and which nearby word helps you know?

2. Divide underwater into syllables. What does it mean here, and which nearby words help you know?

3. Divide waterproof into syllables. What does it tell you about the beaver's fur? Give a clue from the passage.

4. Divide repair into syllables. What does the beaver do when it repairs the wall? Give a clue from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal other than a beaver. Use a multisyllabic word that is not in the passage, and include a clue to its meaning. On a new line, write the word divided into syllables.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle entrance, underwater, waterproof, and repair in the passage. Draw short lines between each word's syllables, then underline nearby words that help you tell what it means. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Divide entrance into syllables. What does it mean here, and which nearby word helps you know?	**en-trance; it means a way into the lodge. The word "opening" is a clue.**
2	Divide underwater into syllables. What does it mean here, and which nearby words help you know?	**un-der-wa-ter; it means below the water. "Far below the pond's surface" is a clue.**
3	Divide waterproof into syllables. What does it tell you about the beaver's fur? Give a clue from the passage.	**wa-ter-proof; water does not easily soak through the fur. The drops roll off instead of soaking through to the beaver's skin.**
4	Divide repair into syllables. What does the beaver do when it repairs the wall? Give a clue from the passage.	**re-pair; it fixes the wall. The beaver fills the hole with sticks and mud.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The rabbit ran into a shelter when the rain began. Under the thick log, its fur stayed dry.
shelter: shel-ter

Accept reasonable syllable divisions and meanings supported by clues in the passage. For Your Turn, look for two sentences, a new multisyllabic word, a clue to its meaning, and a syllable division.