Tide Pool Words

Read a beach story and use a sign's glossary to understand it.

3.4.R.4 "Students will consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to comprehend the words in a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the four words in the first two paragraphs that appear in the sign's glossary. Write each matching glossary number above the word to connect it with its meaning.

A Pool Among the Rocks

1. On a rocky beach, Maya waited for the tide to go out. Water stayed in a shallow pool between the rocks. A small fish darted into a crevice when her shadow crossed the water. Maya looked closer, but the fish was out of sight. Nearby, a green sea anemone waved its soft arms. Maya kept her hands to herself and watched quietly.

2. A wave filled the pool again. The current pushed bits of seaweed past a limpet, a sea snail with a shell shaped like a tiny hat. The limpet seemed to cling to the rock, even as the water moved. Maya nearly missed a crab on the sandy bottom. Its pale color was camouflage. Maya had to look twice to spot it while a gull searched nearby.

3. At the beach entrance, Maya found a small glossary on a sign. It said: 1. crevice, a narrow crack in rock; 2. current, water moving in one direction; 3. cling, to hold on tightly; 4. camouflage, colors or patterns that help a living thing blend in. Maya read the entries, then looked back at the pool. The sign's words helped her understand what she had seen.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Look up crevice in the sign's glossary. Where did the fish hide?

2. Use the glossary to explain what pushed the seaweed past the limpet.

3. Look up cling. What did the limpet do when the wave filled the pool?

4. Use the glossary meaning of camouflage. Why was the crab hard to spot?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a different animal in the tide pool. Write two sentences about what it does, using two different words from the sign's glossary so their meanings are clear.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the four words in the first two paragraphs that appear in the sign's glossary. Write each matching glossary number above the word to connect it with its meaning. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Look up crevice in the sign's glossary. Where did the fish hide?	**The fish hid in a narrow crack in the rock.**
2	Use the glossary to explain what pushed the seaweed past the limpet.	**A current, or water moving in one direction, pushed the seaweed.**
3	Look up cling. What did the limpet do when the wave filled the pool?	**The limpet held on tightly to the rock.**
4	Use the glossary meaning of camouflage. Why was the crab hard to spot?	**Its pale color helped it blend in with the sand.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A tiny shrimp clings tightly to a strip of seaweed as a wave rolls in. The current carries the shrimp across the pool toward a sunlit rock.

The circled words should be numbered crevice 1, current 2, cling 3, and camouflage 4. For Your Turn, accept two sentences about a different tide pool animal that use two distinct glossary words correctly.