Words After Rain

Use context clues to understand and apply new words.

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

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle permeable, redirect, saturated, and resilient. Underline a clue near each word that helps you figure out its meaning.

A Garden for Rain

1. After a hard rain, water raced across the school parking lot and formed a puddle beside the door. The pavement was not permeable, so water could not soak through it. Ms. Lee's class planned a rain garden in a low patch of ground nearby. Unlike pavement, the garden's loose soil would let some rain sink below the surface.

2. First, the class watched where the water flowed. They placed a shallow channel along the edge of the lot to redirect runoff toward the new garden. The channel did not make the water disappear. It simply changed the water's path. Students planted grasses with deep roots and spread mulch to slow the water as it entered the soil.

3. During a later storm, the garden absorbed water until its soil became saturated. At that point, the ground could not hold much more, and a little water spilled out. After the storm, the class found damp soil under the mulch. The plants survived the wet week and then grew new leaves. Their ability to recover showed that they were resilient.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does permeable mean? Which detail in the first paragraph helps you know?

2. A student says redirect means to stop the water. What does it mean instead? Use a clue from the passage.

3. What does saturated mean? How does the water spilling out help explain it?

4. What does resilient mean here? What did the plants do that shows it?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a place other than the rain garden. Write two sentences about that place using two different circled words. Include a clue in each sentence that shows what the word means.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · 5.4.R.5

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle permeable, redirect, saturated, and resilient. Underline a clue near each word that helps you figure out its meaning. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does permeable mean? Which detail in the first paragraph helps you know?	**Permeable means letting water pass through. The passage says water could not soak through the pavement, but it could sink into the loose soil.**
2	A student says redirect means to stop the water. What does it mean instead? Use a clue from the passage.	**Redirect means to change the water's path. The channel sent runoff toward the garden rather than making it disappear.**
3	What does saturated mean? How does the water spilling out help explain it?	**Saturated means holding as much water as the soil can hold. Some water spilled out because the ground could not hold much more.**
4	What does resilient mean here? What did the plants do that shows it?	**Resilient means able to recover after something difficult. The plants survived a wet week and grew new leaves.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The dish sponge was saturated with water, so it dripped when I squeezed it. I tilted the tray to redirect the drips into the sink instead of onto the floor.

Accept accurate meanings supported by passage clues. For Part 3, accept any two different target words used correctly in two sentences about a place other than the rain garden, with a meaning clue in each sentence.