Word Tool Detectives

Use book tools to clarify word meanings.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.4e "Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Locate the entry you need. Underline the words in that entry that support each answer.

Life in a Tide Pool

A tide pool holds small animals between rocks after the tide falls. A crab uses this habitat; a fish can find shelter under a rock.

Short teaching excerpts written for this worksheet. Use a complete print or digital reference for the independent task.

Sample glossary

SAMPLE GLOSSARY

habitat The place where a plant or animal lives.

Sample dictionary

SAMPLE DICTIONARY

shelter noun: a place that protects someone or something.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Look up habitat in the sample glossary. What does it mean?

2. Look up shelter. Name the reference section and give the meaning.

3. Protection is missing from these short excerpts. Which complete reference could you consult, and why?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Find one word in a nonfiction book. Use the book's glossary or a beginning dictionary to learn its meaning. Write the word, name the tool you used, and write its meaning.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Locate the entry you need. Underline the words in that entry that support each answer. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Look up habitat in the sample glossary. What does it mean?	**The place where a plant or animal lives.**
2	Look up shelter. Name the reference section and give the meaning.	**Dictionary; a place that provides protection.**
3	Protection is missing from these short excerpts. Which complete reference could you consult, and why?	**A beginning dictionary can provide a meaning for a word missing from this glossary.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Word: enormous. Tool: beginning digital dictionary. Meaning: very large.

Accept accurate meanings from a glossary or beginning print or digital dictionary. For the open task, accept any appropriate word, named source, and correct meaning. Answers must come from consultation of the printed sample entries. These authored teaching excerpts are not quotations from a commercial dictionary. For the independent task require actual reference use.