Word Tool Trail

Use word tools to make a text clear.

3.RV.1.I "Use glossaries, beginning dictionaries and thesauruses, 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.

Maya Follows Monarchs

Maya's notes say monarchs migrate and drink nectar. She wants a word to describe a small butterfly egg. Use these sample reference entries.

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

Sample glossary

SAMPLE GLOSSARY

migrate Move from one region to another at certain times, often seasonally.

Sample dictionary

SAMPLE DICTIONARY

miniature adjective: very small, often a small-scale version of something.

nectar noun: a sweet liquid made by flowers.

Sample thesaurus

SAMPLE THESAURUS

small little; tiny; miniature. Choose a word that fits the intended meaning.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Find migrate. Which reference section contains it?

2. Use the entry to define migrate in this context.

3. Use the dictionary to give the meaning and word class of nectar.

4. Choose a thesaurus word for a small butterfly egg. Explain why it fits.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one word from your reading. Consult a real print or digital glossary, dictionary or thesaurus. Name the word and source, give the meaning or replacement you found, and use it in a sentence.

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	Find migrate. Which reference section contains it?	**The glossary.**
2	Use the entry to define migrate in this context.	**Move from one region to another seasonally.**
3	Use the dictionary to give the meaning and word class of nectar.	**A sweet liquid made by flowers; noun.**
4	Choose a thesaurus word for a small butterfly egg. Explain why it fits.	**Tiny is a natural choice for a very small egg; accept another justified suitable synonym.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I used a digital dictionary to look up fragile. It means easily broken, so I wrote, “The fragile shell cracked.”

Accept accurate paraphrases of the passage answers. For Part 3, accept a word tool that fits the student's purpose, such as a glossary for a topic word, a dictionary for a meaning, or a thesaurus for a replacement word. 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.