Garden Word Detectives

Use nearby clues and word parts to understand new words.

2.P.EICC.3.g "Determine the meanings of unfamiliar words and concepts by applying knowledge of context and of academic vocabulary and word parts. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the words reuse, materials, and removable. Underline words nearby that show what each word means.

A Garden Project

1. At the school garden, Maya saw a sign that said, "Reuse paper when you can." She had already used one side of a sheet to draw her garden plan. The next day, she used its blank back to make plant labels instead of taking a new sheet.

2. Later, the class sorted materials for a project. They chose paper, clean jars, string, and soil for the project. Each material had a job: paper made labels, jars held seeds, string tied stems, and soil covered roots.

3. One jar had a sticky label. Maya called the label removable. She peeled it off before washing the jar and filling it with paintbrushes. No glue or paper stayed on the jar.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does reuse mean? Write a clue from the passage that helped you.

2. What are materials? Use examples from the passage to explain.

3. What does removable mean? Use what Maya did and the word ending -able to explain.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a word that ends in -able, but do not use removable. Write two sentences. In the first sentence, use the word with a clue about its meaning. In the second sentence, tell what the word means and how -able helps you know.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the words reuse, materials, and removable. Underline words nearby that show what each word means. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does reuse mean? Write a clue from the passage that helped you.	**Reuse means use again. Maya first used the paper for a garden drawing, then used its blank back for plant labels.**
2	What are materials? Use examples from the passage to explain.	**Materials are things used for a project. The class used paper, jars, string, and soil, and each one had a job.**
3	What does removable mean? Use what Maya did and the word ending -able to explain.	**Removable means able to be removed or taken off. Maya peeled the label off, and -able can mean can be.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

This shirt is washable, so it can go in the washing machine. Washable means it can be washed, and -able helps me know.

Accept answers that use passage clues to explain reuse, materials, and removable. For Part 3, accept any accurate new -able word, a context clue, and an explanation that -able can mean can. The paper has a stated first use and a later second use, so it genuinely illustrates reuse. Saving an unused resource before its first use would not establish use again.