# Words at the Park

Use clues in a short park story to understand word meanings.

**2.3.D** "identify, use, and explain the meaning of antonyms, synonyms, idioms, and homographs in context."

NAME _____ DATE _____

## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline a pair of synonyms, circle a pair of antonyms, and box an idiom. Label each use of bat with 1 or 2 to show its meaning.

### A Park Cleanup

1. On Saturday, Leo and Nia joined a park cleanup. Near the pond, they spotted a tiny, small frog under a leaf. The guide asked everyone to watch quietly so the frog could hop safely away.

2. Soon, rain began to fall. The wet path was slippery, so the children walked slowly instead of running fast. Leo rushed toward the gate, and the guide called, "Hold your horses, Leo. The path is slick."

3. At a quiet shelter, Leo saw a bat resting high on a beam. He remembered using a baseball bat at school. This bat had wings, and it slept upside down during the bright day.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which two words in paragraph 1 are synonyms?

2. Write one pair of antonyms from paragraph 2. What does “Hold your horses” mean?

3. The word bat has two meanings in paragraph 3. What does it mean first? What does baseball bat mean?

## 3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly two sentences about a place you know. Use a pair of synonyms, a pair of antonyms, an idiom with clues that show its meaning, and the same homograph in two different ways.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 2 · TEKS 2.3.D**

## PART 1 · READ AND MARK

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## PART 2 · ANSWERS

| # | QUESTION | ANSWER |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Which two words in paragraph 1 are synonyms? | **tiny and small** |
| 2 | Write one pair of antonyms from paragraph 2. What does "Hold your horses" mean? | **slowly and fast; they describe opposite speeds. "Hold your horses" means slow down or wait.** |
| 3 | The word bat has two meanings in paragraph 3. What does it mean first? What does baseball bat mean? | **First, bat means an animal with wings. Baseball bat means a tool used to hit a ball.** |

## PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I was on cloud nine, happy and glad at the hot beach, but my brother felt cold in the shade. A duck swam near us, and I had to duck when a ball flew over my head.

Accept slowly and fast as the antonym pair. Walked and running name different ways of moving, not opposite meanings. For the open response, accept any two sentences that use all four word skills correctly and give context clues for the idiom and homograph meanings.