Fact Word Detectives

Students use clues in short facts to find word meanings.

1.RI.4 "Investigate the meanings of words and phrases used in various contexts."

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE MEANINGS

a	**cold**	**smooth**	**wet**
b	**collect**	**hide**	**eat**
c	**grows**	**holds**	**bends**

2 MATCH MEANINGS

swift	**big**
damp	**fast**
huge	**wet**

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 1 · 1.RI.4

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each fact and the printed choices aloud. Students use the words around an unfamiliar word to decide what it means, then circle or match their answers.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · CIRCLE MEANINGS

SAY "Listen to each fact and the three choices I read. Circle the word that tells what the word in the fact means."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	A book about frogs says, 'A frog's skin is moist after a swim.' Your choices are cold, smooth, and wet. What does moist mean here? Circle one word.	**wet**
b	A book about ants says, 'Ants gather crumbs in one pile.' Your choices are collect, hide, and eat. What does gather mean here? Circle one word.	**collect**
c	A book about plants says, 'The stem supports the flower so it stays up.' Your choices are grows, holds, and bends. What does supports mean here? Circle one word.	**holds**

PART 2 · MATCH MEANINGS

SAY "Listen to these facts: a swift fish darts past in a flash; damp sand sticks to your hand after rain; a huge whale is bigger than a bus. Which word on the right means each word on the left? Draw a line for each one."

- **swift** matches **fast**
- **damp** matches **wet**
- **huge** matches **big**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle wet, collect, and holds. Match swift to fast, damp to wet, and huge to big.