Bug Home Words

Use a dictionary to understand words in a story.

2.L.4.e "Use print and digital reference materials to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline damp in paragraph 1, sturdy in paragraph 2, and shelter in paragraph 3. Use a print or digital dictionary to check what each underlined word means in the story.

Maya's Bug Home

1. Maya found a pile of damp leaves beside the school garden. A beetle crawled under one. She wanted to learn more about the tiny visitor, so she opened a dictionary to check a word in her bug book.

2. The next day, Maya built a sturdy bug home from twigs and a small box. She checked the meaning of a word on a school tablet, then read her sentence again. Her friend helped her tuck leaves inside.

3. The beetle slipped inside the shelter while Maya watched from the path. She used the dictionary again when a word in her notes puzzled her. Then she moved into the shade so the beetle could explore in peace.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Look up damp. What does it tell you about the leaves Maya found?

2. Look up sturdy. What does it tell you about Maya's bug home?

3. Look up shelter. What is the beetle's shelter in this story?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a different word from the story, not damp, sturdy, or shelter. Look it up in a print or digital dictionary, then write the word, its meaning, and a new sentence using it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.L.4.e

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline damp in paragraph 1, sturdy in paragraph 2, and shelter in paragraph 3. Use a print or digital dictionary to check what each underlined word means in the story. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Look up damp. What does it tell you about the leaves Maya found?	**The leaves were slightly wet.**
2	Look up sturdy. What does it tell you about Maya's bug home?	**The bug home was strong and not likely to fall apart.**
3	Look up shelter. What is the beetle's shelter in this story?	**Maya's bug home is the beetle's shelter, a place that protects it.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Shade means an area away from direct sunlight. I sat in the shade of a tree.

Accept a word from any paragraph, such as beetle, twigs, or shade. Its meaning should fit both the story and the student's new sentence.