Pondside Word Hunt

Use a printed word guide to choose meanings that fit.

3.L.4.d "Use print and digital reference materials to determine or clarify meaning of words and phrases."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle bank, current, draft, and pitch in the first two paragraphs. Then underline the meaning of each word in the printed guide that fits what happens at the pond.

A Visit to the Pond

1. On Saturday, Imani and her grandfather walked beside a pond. They stopped on the grassy bank to watch a turtle slide into the water. Imani opened her notebook and drew the turtle's small head. Grandfather told her to stay back from the edge, where the mud was soft. A frog leaped from the grass and splashed beside a lily pad.

2. Near a narrow stream that fed the pond, leaves floated in a steady current. Imani felt a cool draft when the wind blew through the reeds. Then she heard the high pitch of a bird's call above the buzzing insects. She wrote each word in her notebook but knew some words could mean more than one thing. Which meanings fit what she had seen and heard?

3. The Pondside Word Guide is a small printed reference card. It gives two meanings for each word. Bank can mean land beside water or a place to keep money. Current can mean moving water or happening now. Draft can mean a flow of air or an early version of writing. Pitch can mean how high or low a sound is or a throw in baseball. Imani checks the scene before choosing.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which meaning of bank from the word guide fits the first paragraph? What detail helps you choose?

2. Which meaning of current fits the second paragraph? What detail helps you choose?

3. Which meaning of draft fits the second paragraph? What detail helps you choose?

4. Which meaning of pitch fits the second paragraph? What detail helps you choose?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one word from the printed guide and use its other meaning in a new scene. Write two sentences that state the meaning and give a clue that helps a reader choose it.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle bank, current, draft, and pitch in the first two paragraphs. Then underline the meaning of each word in the printed guide that fits what happens at the pond. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which meaning of bank from the word guide fits the first paragraph? What detail helps you choose?	**Bank means land beside water. The bank is grassy and next to the pond.**
2	Which meaning of current fits the second paragraph? What detail helps you choose?	**Current means moving water. Leaves float in the stream.**
3	Which meaning of draft fits the second paragraph? What detail helps you choose?	**Draft means a flow of air. Imani feels it when the wind blows.**
4	Which meaning of pitch fits the second paragraph? What detail helps you choose?	**Pitch means how high or low a sound is. Imani hears a bird's high call.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My aunt took her savings to the bank and opened an account. Here, bank means a place to keep money, and opening an account is my clue.

For the questions, accept the matching guide meaning with a relevant clue from the pond scene. For Your Turn, accept either meaning not used at the pond if the two sentences state that meaning and include a clear clue.