Words That Fit

Reread to check a word's meaning.

5.RF.4.c "Self-monitor reading for correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the first appearance of each word: bank, current, lodge, and bark. Reread each sentence, then underline nearby clues that help you check what the word means.

A Beaver's Winter Home

1. At dusk, a beaver climbed down a muddy bank and slipped into the river. The current pushed against its chest as it swam upstream with a branch in its teeth. When the branch drifted toward a bend, the beaver grabbed it again. Reaching the shallow water near its dam, it tucked the branch between larger sticks.

2. The dam slowed the water, making a deeper pond beside the river. The beaver's lodge rose from the pond, its roof piled high with sticks and mud. The beaver dove under the surface and swam through an underwater entrance. Once inside, it shook water from its fur. Its family rested there, away from many animals that hunt along the shore.

3. Before winter, beavers pile branches underwater near their lodge. When ice covers the pond, they can swim out and bring branches back. They chew the soft bark from the branches for food. Their sharp front teeth keep growing, even as chewing wears them down. These stored branches help the family eat when fresh plants are harder to reach beneath the ice.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Reread the first sentence. If you pictured a bank where people keep money, which two details tell you to change that picture?

2. Reread the sentences about the current. What does current mean here? Give two clues that help you check.

3. Reread the sentences about the lodge. If you pictured a hotel, which two details show that picture does not fit?

4. Reread the sentence with bark. Could bark mean the sound a dog makes? Use two details to explain.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences using the word bat with two different meanings. Add a third sentence naming a clue in each sentence that would help a reader reread and check the meanings.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the first appearance of each word: bank, current, lodge, and bark. Reread each sentence, then underline nearby clues that help you check what the word means. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Reread the first sentence. If you pictured a bank where people keep money, which two details tell you to change that picture?	**The bank is muddy, and the beaver climbs down it into the river.**
2	Reread the sentences about the current. What does current mean here? Give two clues that help you check.	**It means moving water. It pushes against the beaver, and the beaver swims upstream.**
3	Reread the sentences about the lodge. If you pictured a hotel, which two details show that picture does not fit?	**Its roof is piled with sticks and mud, and it has an underwater entrance.**
4	Reread the sentence with bark. Could bark mean the sound a dog makes? Use two details to explain.	**No. The beavers chew the bark from branches for food.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At dusk, a bat swooped over the pond. I swung my bat and hit the ball. The word swooped points to an animal, while swung and ball point to sports equipment.

Accept other nearby clues when students explain how those clues confirm or correct a word's meaning. For Part 3, look for two distinct meanings of bat and a clear clue for each.