Words That Fit

Choose vocabulary that gives readers and listeners the right idea.

6.L.6.b "Apply knowledge of vocabulary to reading, writing, speaking, and listening."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline assessed, reinforce, inspect, and indestructible in the passage. Circle a nearby clue that helps you understand each word so you can use it accurately when you write or speak.

The Repair Table

1 At the school repair table, Maya held a backpack with a loose shoulder strap. She did not grab the first tool she saw. Instead, she assessed the damage, running a finger along the loose stitching and checking the fabric for holes. Her partner, Luis, suggested replacing the entire strap. Maya disagreed. A new strap would cost money and create waste when the old one could still work. They planned to reinforce the seam by sewing over it twice with thick thread.

2 Before they began, Luis drafted a sign: "We will fix your bag fast." Maya thought "fast" promised more than they could deliver. She revised it to "We will inspect your bag and explain the repair." When Luis read the sign aloud, a younger student asked whether "inspect" meant the volunteers would take the bag apart. Luis pointed to Maya checking the outside seams and said the first step would not involve removing any pieces. Maya added that explanation to the sign so readers would know what to expect.

3 During the lunchtime announcement, Luis called the finished seam "indestructible." Maya raised an eyebrow. The thread looked strong, but no backpack could last forever. Luis changed his claim to "sturdy enough for everyday use." A listener then asked whether the repair was permanent. Maya said the seam would hold better if the owner did not overload the bag, and offered to check it again in a month. By listening to the question, she found a word she needed to avoid: "permanent" sounded like a guarantee she could not make.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does assessed mean in the first paragraph? Give one clue that supports your meaning.

2. Use reinforce in one sentence that accurately explains Maya and Luis's repair plan.

3. A listener thinks inspect means taking the bag apart. What could Luis say to clarify what the word means at this repair table?

4. Why is "sturdy enough for everyday use" a better phrase for the announcement than "indestructible"?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine the repair table also helps with books that have loose covers. Write a two-sentence announcement classmates could read aloud. Use two precise words from the passage correctly, and do not promise more than you can know.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 6 · 6.L.6.b

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline assessed, reinforce, inspect, and indestructible in the passage. Circle a nearby clue that helps you understand each word so you can use it accurately when you write or speak. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does assessed mean in the first paragraph? Give one clue that supports your meaning.	**It means examined or judged. Maya checked the stitching and looked for holes before deciding what to do.**
2	Use reinforce in one sentence that accurately explains Maya and Luis's repair plan.	**Maya and Luis planned to reinforce the seam by sewing over it twice with thick thread.**
3	A listener thinks inspect means taking the bag apart. What could Luis say to clarify what the word means at this repair table?	**He could say they would check the outside seams first without removing any pieces.**
4	Why is "sturdy enough for everyday use" a better phrase for the announcement than "indestructible"?	**The seam looked strong, but the backpack could still wear out. "Indestructible" promises more than the repair can guarantee.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Bring books with loose covers so we can inspect them at our repair table. We may reinforce a loose cover with book tape, but we cannot promise the repair will last forever.

Accept reasonable meanings supported by passage clues and accurate uses of reinforce. For the announcement, look for two correctly used passage words and a claim that does not guarantee a lasting repair.