

Turtle Clue Hunt

Use nearby words to figure out tricky vocabulary.

2.3.B “use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words motionless, fragile, and examined. Circle the nearby words that help explain each word, and draw a line from each word to its clues.

Maya and the Turtle

- ① On a cool morning, Maya found a tiny turtle near the school path. The turtle was motionless, or not moving at all, beside a puddle. Maya knew turtles need care, so she called the park ranger.
- ② The ranger said the turtle was fragile because its shell had a crack. Maya held it gently in a box lined with soft leaves. A loud truck rumbled past, but the turtle stayed safe inside.
- ③ At the nature center, a worker examined the turtle, looking closely at its shell and legs. Then she carried it to a quiet pond. The turtle paddled away, and Maya felt relieved because it was home again.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What does motionless mean? Which words in the passage help you know?

2 What does fragile mean? Use clues from this paragraph and the next sentences.

3 What does examined mean? What words in the sentence help you know?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a two-sentence mini-story that uses one tricky word. Add clues in your sentences so a reader can figure out what the word means.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the words motionless, fragile, and examined. Circle the nearby words that help explain each word, and draw a line from each word to its clues. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does motionless mean? Which words in the passage help you know?	Motionless means not moving. The words “not moving at all” help explain it.
2	What does fragile mean? Use clues from this paragraph and the next sentences.	Fragile means easy to break or hurt. The shell had a crack, and Maya held the turtle gently in a soft box.
3	What does examined mean? What words in the sentence help you know?	Examined means looked at closely. The worker was “looking closely at its shell and legs.”

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

After playing outside, Lila felt drowsy and could barely keep her eyes open. She curled up on the couch and fell asleep.

Accept answers that give a reasonable meaning supported by words in the passage. For Part 3, accept any two-sentence response with a tricky word and clear context clues that show its meaning.