

Pond Cleanup Words

Read how word parts add meaning.

2.3.C “identify the meaning of and use words with affixes un-, re-, -ly, -er, and -est (comparative and superlative), and -ion/tion/sion; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each word that uses un-, re-, -ly, -er, -est, or -ion/tion/sion. Above each underlined word, write the affix you see.

A Cleaner Pond

- ① On Saturday, Mia saw a notice about a park cleanup. The notice said the pond was dirty, and ducks needed help. Mia felt unhappy when she saw plastic near the pond. She asked her dad to join the action.
- ② Jay brought bags, while Mia carried a tool. They worked carefully beside the pond. Mia found a smaller bottle than Jay, but Jay found the biggest can. They put trash in bins and read the recycling sign again.
- ③ After the cleanup, Mia and Jay returned to the pond. The pond looked clearer, and the ducks swam freely. Mia said, “We can reuse bags at the next cleanup.” Their small action helped make the park safer.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does unhappy mean in the first paragraph?

2 Which word tells that Mia's bottle was less large than Jay's bottle?

3 What does reuse mean in the third paragraph?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two sentences about helping a place, such as a park, school, or home. Use at least three words with different affixes from this list: un-, re-, -ly, -er, -est, or -ion/tion/sion.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each word that uses un-, re-, -ly, -er, -est, or -ion/tion/sion. Above each underlined word, write the affix you see. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does unhappy mean in the first paragraph?	not happy
2	Which word tells that Mia's bottle was less large than Jay's bottle?	smaller
3	What does reuse mean in the third paragraph?	use again

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I quickly reused a bag to pick up litter. The playground looked cleaner than before.

Accept answers that match the passage meanings: unhappy means not happy, smaller compares size, and reuse means use again. For Your Turn, accept two sentences that use at least three correctly formed words with three different listed affixes.