

Museum Word Detectives

Use clues, word parts, and a dictionary to unlock meanings.

2.3 "Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the six words that use un-, re-, -ly, -er, -est, or -tion. Circle nearby clues that help explain a hard word or phrase.

Mia's Bird Discovery

- ① At the town museum, Mia found an unusual label she could not read: "migration." She used a picture dictionary on a tablet. It showed birds moving from one place to another and said the word slowly: my-GRAY-shun.
- ② Mia reread the sign. "Some birds leave when winter is cold," it said. "They return when spring is warm." Mia knew leave meant go away, not leave a book on a desk. Her brother was faster, but Mia was the fastest reader.
- ③ Later, Mia made a bird chart. She wrote, "The small robin flies quickly." Quickly means fast. A tiny bird is small, but huge is an antonym of tiny. Mia smiled and said, "I will hit the books," meaning she would study.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What resource does Mia use? How does it help her learn both the meaning and pronunciation of migration?

2 In paragraph 2, what does reread mean? What does leave mean when birds leave?

3 In paragraph 3, name one synonym pair and the antonym pair. What does hit the books mean?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal. Use a word with un-, re-, -ly, -er, -est, or -tion and an idiom not used in the passage, then write one more sentence that tells what the idiom means.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the six words that use un-, re-, -ly, -er, -est, or -tion. Circle nearby clues that help explain a hard word or phrase. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What resource does Mia use? How does it help her learn both the meaning and pronunciation of migration?	She uses a picture dictionary on a tablet. It shows that migration is birds moving from one place to another and says the word slowly, "my-GRAY-shun."
2	In paragraph 2, what does reread mean? What does leave mean when birds leave?	Reread means read again. Leave means go away.
3	In paragraph 3, name one synonym pair and the antonym pair. What does hit the books mean?	Synonym pair: quickly and fast, or tiny and small. Antonym pair: tiny and huge. Hit the books means study.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The rabbit moved quietly through the grass. Making a poster about rabbits was a piece of cake. "A piece of cake" means very easy.

Accept correct underlined words such as unusual, reread, migration, quickly, faster, and fastest. For the open task, accept any sensible animal sentences, a correctly used listed affix, an idiom not from the passage, and an accurate explanation of the idiom.