

Bird Words Unlocked

Use dictionary clues to understand and say new words.

3.3.A “use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, and pronunciation;”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each use of migrate, circle the dot in mi·grate, and box (MY-grate) to show how a dictionary gives a word’s meaning, syllables, and pronunciation.

A Robin Word Search

- ① On a class walk, Lena saw a small bird with a red chest. Back in the library, she opened a bird guide. The guide called it an American robin. Lena wanted to learn about the word “migrate,” because the page said some robins migrate when winter comes. She looked up migrate in a print dictionary beside the bird guide.
- ② The dictionary entry read: migrate, mi·grate, (MY-grate), verb. It said, “to move from one place to another at certain times of year.” Lena tapped the dots between the syllables as she said the word slowly. Then she read the guide again. She understood that some robins travel to a different place when cold weather arrives.
- ③ Later, Lena used a digital dictionary to check another bird word, “feather.” She typed the word into the search box and chose the entry that matched the bird guide. A speaker button played the pronunciation. Lena listened twice and said feather aloud. She learned that print and digital resources can give a word’s meaning, show its syllables, and help readers say it correctly.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does migrate mean in the print dictionary entry?

2 How does the dictionary divide migrate into syllables?

3 How does the pronunciation guide show you to say migrate?

4 What digital dictionary feature helped Lena hear how to say feather?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Use a print or digital dictionary to look up a word that does not appear in the passage. Write two sentences. In the first sentence, name the resource type and give the word's meaning, syllable breaks, and pronunciation guide. In the second sentence, use the word correctly in an original sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each use of migrate, circle the dot in mi·grate, and box (MY-grate) to show how a dictionary gives a word's meaning, syllables, and pronunciation. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does migrate mean in the print dictionary entry?	To move from one place to another at certain times of year.
2	How does the dictionary divide migrate into syllables?	mi·grate, or two syllables.
3	How does the pronunciation guide show you to say migrate?	(MY-grate), with the first syllable sounding stronger.
4	What digital dictionary feature helped Lena hear how to say feather?	The speaker button.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A digital dictionary lists bicycle as bi·cy·cle, says (BY-sih-kuhl), and defines it as a vehicle with two wheels. I rode my bicycle to the park.

Accept equivalent wording for migrate, such as traveling to another place during certain seasons. For Part 3, accept any accurate dictionary information for a word not used in the passage and a second sentence that uses the word correctly.