

Picture the Meaning

Use details to build a clear movie in your mind.

3.6.D "create mental images to deepen understanding;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words and phrases that help you make a picture in your mind. In the margin, number 1, 2, and 3 beside three details that help you see or hear the bat's flight.

A Bat's Sound Map

- ① At dusk, a little brown bat slips out of a crack in a barn. Its wings stretch wide like thin, dark umbrellas. The bat swoops over a grassy field, turning quickly in the fading light. It is not looking with its eyes alone. As it flies, it makes tiny high sounds that people usually cannot hear.
- ② These sounds bounce off objects, such as a fence, a tree, or a flying moth. When an echo returns, the bat learns where something is and how far away it may be. A strong, quick echo can help the bat notice a moth nearby. An echo that takes longer to return may come from something farther away.
- ③ With this sound map, the bat can hunt when the sky is dark. It may chase a moth that flutters above the grass, then avoid a branch in its path. Bats do not make a picture with their ears, but readers can make one in their minds. A reader might picture the bat's sharp turns and the moth's quick, zigzag flight.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which two details help you picture the bat's wings?

2 What picture can you make in your mind when the bat's sounds bounce off an object?

3 What do you picture the bat doing while it hunts in the dark? Use two details from the passage.

4 How does picturing the bat's sharp turns and the moth's zigzag flight help you understand the last paragraph?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a scene from a book you are reading, or make up a nature scene. Write exactly three sentences that tell what you see, hear, and feel in your mind, then explain how your picture helps you understand the scene.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words and phrases that help you make a picture in your mind. In the margin, number 1, 2, and 3 beside three details that help you see or hear the bat's flight. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two details help you picture the bat's wings?	Its wings stretch wide, and they are like thin, dark umbrellas.
2	What picture can you make in your mind when the bat's sounds bounce off an object?	Sound travels from the bat to an object, such as a fence, tree, or moth, and then returns to the bat as an echo.
3	What do you picture the bat doing while it hunts in the dark? Use two details from the passage.	The bat chases a moth fluttering above the grass and avoids a branch in its path.
4	How does picturing the bat's sharp turns and the moth's zigzag flight help you understand the last paragraph?	It helps show that the bat is chasing a fast-moving moth while hunting in the dark.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I picture a red fox stepping softly through silver grass at sunrise. I hear dry leaves crackle under its paws, and cold air brushes its fur. This picture helps me understand why the fox moves slowly while it looks for food.

Accept answers that use accurate passage details to describe a mental picture. For Part 3, accept any three-sentence response that includes sensory details and explains how the image builds understanding.