

Picture the Tide Pool

Use details to form clear mental images as you read.

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

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that help you see the tide pool in your mind, including details about color, shape, place, or movement, so you can build a clear mental picture.

A Rocky Pool at Low Tide

- ① At low tide, a rocky pool can become a small ocean neighborhood. Green seaweed waves under the clear water, and purple sea stars cling to wet stones. A crab sidesteps between shells, lifting one claw as if it is guarding the pool. Sunlight breaks on the surface and makes bright, shaky lines on the sand below.
- ② Small animals use the pool as a hiding place. A striped goby rests near a dark crack in the rock, almost matching the shadows. When a larger fish passes overhead, the goby darts beneath a ledge. Nearby, a snail inches along a stone, leaving a thin, shiny trail behind its round shell. The trail catches the light like a tiny ribbon.
- ③ At high tide, the rocky pool changes quickly. Water rises over the rocks and covers the sand. Above it, gulls call as wind pushes ripples across the water. The crab may tuck into a narrow space, while the goby stays under its ledge. Soon, waves wash across the pool, and the quiet neighborhood becomes part of the larger sea once again.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 As you picture the pool in paragraph 1, what two colors should appear in your mental image?

2 Before the larger fish passes overhead, where should you place the goby in your mental image?

3 What should the snail's trail look like in your mental image?

4 When the tide returns, what does the quiet pool neighborhood become?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Think of an outdoor place you know. Write exactly two sentences that help a reader form a mental image of that place after a weather change. Include details about color, movement, and location.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that help you see the tide pool in your mind, including details about color, shape, place, or movement, so you can build a clear mental picture. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	As you picture the pool in paragraph 1, what two colors should appear in your mental image?	Green seaweed and purple sea stars.
2	Before the larger fish passes overhead, where should you place the goby in your mental image?	Near a dark crack in the rock.
3	What should the snail's trail look like in your mental image?	It should be thin and shiny, like a tiny ribbon.
4	When the tide returns, what does the quiet pool neighborhood become?	It becomes part of the larger sea again.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I picture the playground after a rainstorm. Silver puddles shine beside the slide, and drops fall from the monkey bars onto the black pavement.

Accept answers that use passage details to describe a clear visual image, including reasonable paraphrases. For the open task, check for exactly two sentences and details about color, movement, and location.