Clues in the Cup

Use nearby words to figure out new meanings.

2.RV.1.A "Discuss meanings of new words or phrases acquired through conversations and literature."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that help you figure out the meaning of a new word or phrase. Circle the new word or phrase that the clues explain.

Mina's Bean Plant

1. Mina carried a paper cup to the park. Inside, a tiny bean seed rested under soil. Her grandpa said, "Keep it damp, not dry. A damp seed has enough water to begin growing."

2. Each morning, Mina checked the cup. On Tuesday, she saw a pale sprout poking through the soil. "It is fragile," Grandpa said. "Be gentle, because its thin stem can bend or break easily."

3. By Friday, two leaves had opened. Mina felt proud as the plant leaned toward the sunny window. Grandpa called the leaves "new growth," meaning the fresh parts of a plant that have just formed.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, what does damp mean? What words help you know?

2. In paragraph 2, what does fragile mean? What words help you know?

3. What does the phrase new growth mean in paragraph 3?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a new word or phrase you have heard in a book or conversation. Write two sentences: use it in the first sentence with clues, then tell what it means in the second.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that help you figure out the meaning of a new word or phrase. Circle the new word or phrase that the clues explain. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, what does damp mean? What words help you know?	**Damp means having some water, not dry. The clues are "not dry" and "enough water."**
2	In paragraph 2, what does fragile mean? What words help you know?	**Fragile means easy to bend or break. The clues are "thin stem" and "can bend or break easily."**
3	What does the phrase new growth mean in paragraph 3?	**New growth means fresh parts of a plant that have just formed.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My brother said the puppy was eager, so it jumped by the door and wagged its tail because it could not wait for a walk. Eager means excited and ready for something.

Accept equivalent meanings when students use clues from the passage. For Part 3, accept a new word or phrase, context clues in the first sentence, and a reasonable meaning in the second sentence.