Garden Word Detectives

Use word parts and word clues to unlock meaning.

2.RV.1.E "Apply knowledge of morphology (e.g., common grade appropriate suffixes, prefixes), synonyms, and antonyms to determine the meaning of new words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline tiny, dry, damp, and reused. Draw a line from each word to nearby words that help you figure out its meaning.

Maya's Garden Day

1. On Tuesday, Maya brought a tiny jar to the school garden. Inside, three ants carried crumbs across a leaf. Maya used a magnifying glass to watch their busy work. Her partner said the jar was little enough to hold safely.

2. By noon, the sun had made the soil dry. Maya poured water near the beans, and dark spots spread through the dirt. Soon, the soil felt cool and damp, so the new plants could drink.

3. After gardening, Maya sorted supplies. She put plastic plant tags in a box marked "reused tags." The tags would label next month's seedlings. A second box held broken tags that could not be used.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, which word helps show that tiny means small?

2. In paragraph 2, which word has the opposite meaning of dry? What happened that helps you know?

3. What does re- most likely mean in reused? Use one detail from paragraph 3 to explain.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about something you reused. Use a word with re- in one sentence and an antonym pair in the other. Underline the re- word and circle the antonym pair.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline tiny, dry, damp, and reused. Draw a line from each word to nearby words that help you figure out its meaning. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, which word helps show that tiny means small?	**little**
2	In paragraph 2, which word has the opposite meaning of dry? What happened that helps you know?	**damp; Maya poured water, and the soil became damp.**
3	What does re- most likely mean in reused? Use one detail from paragraph 3 to explain.	**again; the tags will label next month's seedlings, so they will be used another time.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I _reused_ a clean box that I had used last week. The box was (empty) before, but it was (full) after I added my crayons.

Accept little for tiny, damp for the opposite of dry, and again for the meaning of re-. For the open task, accept a sensible re- word and a correctly used antonym pair, with the requested markings.