

Marsh Sound Hunt

Spot vowel patterns in a wetland scene.

3.FFR.3.A "Decode and encode words with vowel teams and r-controlled vowels."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every word with a vowel team. Circle every word with an r-controlled vowel to notice spelling patterns that help you read and spell words.

Morning at the Marsh

- ① At sunrise, a heron stood near a quiet marsh. Thin rain fell on the reeds, and each drop made a small ring in the water. The bird did not hurry. It searched the shore for fish, then lifted its sharp beak. Soon, the clouds broke apart, and a bright beam of light warmed the muddy bank.
- ② Along the marsh trail, Maya carried a field guide and a small pail. She hoped to see a frog float beside the reeds. Instead, she heard a clear croak from a dark corner. A green frog sprang from a rock and slid into the pool. Maya wrote notes, drew the frog's round eyes, and stayed still.
- ③ Before leaving, Maya watched the water turn gold. A pair of ducks sailed past a fallen branch, leaving a trail of waves. Near the far bank, the heron spread wide wings and rose into the air. Maya felt sure that the marsh was a busy home, even when it seemed calm from the nearby trail.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 In paragraph 1, write the word with ai that tells what fell on the reeds.

2 In paragraph 1, write the word with ar that names the wet place where the heron stood.

3 In paragraph 2, write the word with ee that tells the frog's color.

4 In paragraph 3, write the word with ai that tells how the ducks moved.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two connected sentences about an animal by water. Use at least three words with vowel teams and at least two words with r-controlled vowels. Underline the vowel-team words and circle the r-controlled-vowel words.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every word with a vowel team. Circle every word with an r-controlled vowel to notice spelling patterns that help you read and spell words. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, write the word with ai that tells what fell on the reeds.	rain
2	In paragraph 1, write the word with ar that names the wet place where the heron stood.	marsh
3	In paragraph 2, write the word with ee that tells the frog's color.	green
4	In paragraph 3, write the word with ai that tells how the ducks moved.	sailed

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A Otter O <u>chewed</u> <u>food</u> by the <u>creek</u>. It Oturned O and <u>waited</u> by a <u>boat</u>.

Accept the listed passage words only for Questions 1 through 4. For Part 3, accept any two connected sentences with at least three correctly underlined vowel-team words and at least two correctly circled r-controlled-vowel words.