Seeds and Word Clues

Use word parts and nearby clues to find meanings.

3.RV.1.E "Apply knowledge of morphology, synonyms, and antonyms to determine the meaning of complex words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline reusable, indoors, and unfamiliar. Circle the nearby words that explain each one, then draw a line between eager and reluctant because they are opposites.

Maya's Seed Library

1. At the city seed library, people borrow packets of seeds instead of books. In spring, Maya chose bean seeds and read the label carefully. It said the plants would grow quickly in warm soil. She learned that reusable means an item can be used again. The library gives out reusable envelopes so less paper is tossed away.

2. During a rainy week, Maya kept the envelopes indoors. The dry seeds would not be ruined by water. Her uncle said the packets must stay protected, or safe, until planting day. Maya noticed that indoor means inside a building. She placed the packets on a shelf, far from the wet boots outside by the door.

3. On planting day, Maya was eager, not reluctant, to dig small holes. She worked with a neighbor who was unfamiliar with gardening, meaning the neighbor did not know much about it. Maya explained each step. They did not hurry or be careless. Instead, they were cautious and checked that every seed was covered with soil at last.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. The word reusable begins with re-. What does re- mean, and what does reusable mean?

2. The word unfamiliar begins with un-. What does unfamiliar mean in the passage?

3. In paragraph 2, safe is a synonym for protected. What does protected mean?

4. Maya was eager, not reluctant, to plant. What does reluctant mean?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly two sentences about a useful item. In the first sentence, use a word with re-, un-, or -less and explain it with a synonym or a short meaning clue. In the second sentence, use a pair of antonyms.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.RV.1.E

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline reusable, indoors, and unfamiliar. Circle the nearby words that explain each one, then draw a line between eager and reluctant because they are opposites. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	The word reusable begins with re-. What does re- mean, and what does reusable mean?	**Re- means again. Reusable means able to be used again.**
2	The word unfamiliar begins with un-. What does unfamiliar mean in the passage?	**Unfamiliar means not knowing much about something.**
3	In paragraph 2, safe is a synonym for protected. What does protected mean?	**Protected means kept safe from harm or damage.**
4	Maya was eager, not reluctant, to plant. What does reluctant mean?	**Reluctant means not eager or not willing to do something.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our class uses refillable water bottles, which can be filled again. The bottle was full before lunch and empty afterward.

For Part 1, students should circle used again, inside a building, and did not know much about it as meaning clues. Accept accurate paraphrases for the questions and any two-sentence response that includes the required word part, meaning clue, and antonym pair.