

Word Tool Trail

Use word tools to make a text clear.

3.RV.1.I "Use glossaries, beginning dictionaries and thesauruses, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each word Maya looks up or replaces. Circle the name of the glossary, dictionary, or thesaurus she uses so you can see which tool helped her.

Maya Follows Monarchs

- ① On a sunny fall morning, Maya watched monarch butterflies rest on a milkweed plant. Her class booklet said that monarchs migrate south when colder weather arrives. Maya was not sure about migrate. She opened the print glossary at the back of the booklet. It defined migration as a seasonal movement from one place to another. Now Maya understood why the butterflies were leaving.
- ② Next, Maya read that monarchs drink nectar from flowers. The word nectar was in bold print, but it was not in her booklet's glossary. She used a beginning dictionary on a tablet. The dictionary gave a short meaning, a sweet liquid made by flowers. It also showed that nectar is a noun. Maya checked the sentence again and saw that this meaning fit.
- ③ Before writing her report, Maya wanted a stronger word for small. She opened a digital thesaurus and found little, tiny, and miniature. Her report described a butterfly egg, so she chose tiny because it sounded natural in her sentence. Then she used the dictionary's search bar to check miniature. It meant very small, but Maya decided tiny was clearer for her readers.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which print word tool did Maya use to clarify migrate?

2 What does migrate mean in the passage?

3 Why did Maya use a dictionary to learn about nectar?

4 Which word did Maya choose from the thesaurus, and why did she choose it?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one word from something you are reading. Write two sentences: name the print or digital word tool you would use, then tell the word's meaning or a replacement word you found.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each word Maya looks up or replaces. Circle the name of the glossary, dictionary, or thesaurus she uses so you can see which tool helped her. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which print word tool did Maya use to clarify migrate?	She used the print glossary in the back of the booklet.
2	What does migrate mean in the passage?	It means to move from one place to another during a season.
3	Why did Maya use a dictionary to learn about nectar?	Nectar was not in her booklet's glossary, and the dictionary gave its meaning.
4	Which word did Maya choose from the thesaurus, and why did she choose it?	She chose tiny because it sounded natural and was clearer for her readers.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I used a digital dictionary to look up fragile. It means easily broken, so I wrote, "The fragile shell cracked."

Accept accurate paraphrases of the passage answers. For Part 3, accept a word tool that fits the student's purpose, such as a glossary for a topic word, a dictionary for a meaning, or a thesaurus for a replacement word.