Monarch Word Journey

Use word parts, synonyms, and antonyms to unlock meaning.

4.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 three words made from smaller word parts, circle the word that means long, and box the word that is the opposite of hostile to show how word parts, synonyms, and antonyms reveal meaning.

The Monarch Migration

1. Each fall, millions of monarch butterflies begin a remarkable trip from Canada and the United States to mountain forests in central Mexico. The journey is lengthy, often more than 2,000 miles. A monarch is lightweight, but it uses warm air currents to glide. During daytime stops, the butterflies drink nectar and rest in gardens or fields.

2. The trip can be dangerous. Strong winds may scatter a group, and cold weather can slow the insects. Monarchs cannot migrate successfully without places to refuel. A protected habitat provides flowers, water, and shelter. When forests are destroyed, the butterflies have fewer safe places, so their survival becomes more difficult for the whole population.

3. Scientists and community members work together to protect the monarchs' winter homes. In Mexico, people replant native trees where logging has left bare ground. In many towns, residents create pollinator gardens with milkweed, the only plant monarch caterpillars eat. These efforts make the landscape more welcoming, not hostile, for the butterflies during their long stay.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, what does lightweight mean? Which two smaller words help you decide?

2. In paragraph 2, what does refuel mean? How does the word part re- help you decide?

3. Which word in paragraph 1 is a synonym for long?

4. Which word in paragraph 3 is an antonym for hostile?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly two sentences about how people can help a different animal. Use a word with re-, un-, or -ful, make its meaning clear, and include a synonym and an antonym for a word you use.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

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PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, what does lightweight mean? Which two smaller words help you decide?	**It means not weighing much. The smaller words are light and weight.**
2	In paragraph 2, what does refuel mean? How does the word part re- help you decide?	**Refuel means to get food or energy again. Re- means again.**
3	Which word in paragraph 1 is a synonym for long?	**lengthy**
4	Which word in paragraph 3 is an antonym for hostile?	**welcoming**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Bird feeders are helpful, or useful, when winter food is scarce. They make a backyard welcoming, not hostile, for chickadees.

Accept accurate meanings supported by word parts and passage context. For the open task, accept any two sentences about a different animal that use re-, un-, or -ful correctly and include a valid synonym and antonym.