Spell Check Detectives

Use dictionaries to verify spelling in a science report.

6.LU.2.D "Consult reference materials to check and correct spelling."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the eight words that need correction. Use a print or trusted online dictionary to write each corrected spelling above the word.

Tide Pool Field Notes

1. On Saturday, Maya joined a volunteer team at a rocky tide pool. The group recorded the kinds of animals they saw before the water returned. Maya wrote that sea stars, crabs, and anenomes need a clean enviroment. She also noted that many orginisms hide under wet stones when the sun is bright. Her field notes included the date, location, weahter, and the time of low tide. These details would help the team compare observations from different visits.

2. Back at the nature center, Maya copied her notes into a report. She checked the tide calender and added the day's water level. Then she listed the measurments taken with a ruler and a thermometer. One reading showed that the temperture of a shallow pool rose quickly in sunlight. Maya wanted her report to be clear because volunteers use the records to notice changes in the shore habbitat over time during each season of study.

3. Before sharing the report, Maya used a print dictionary and a trusted online dictionary. She looked up words that seemed uncertain instead of guessing from memory. The entries gave the correct spelling, showed syllable breaks, and explained each word's meaning. Maya learned that a spell-checker can miss an error when a mistyped word is also a real word. For example, it might not flag tide when a writer meant time. Careful checking helps readers trust scientific observations.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Use a dictionary to correct anenomes from paragraph 1.

2. Correct enviroment and orginisms from paragraph 1.

3. Which reference material named in paragraph 3 could you use to check weahter?

4. Correct calender, measurments, temperture, and habbitat from paragraph 2.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a 35 to 45 word field note about an outdoor observation. Deliberately misspell three words, then use a print or trusted online dictionary and write each correction in parentheses immediately after the misspelled word.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the eight words that need correction. Use a print or trusted online dictionary to write each corrected spelling above the word. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Use a dictionary to correct anenomes from paragraph 1.	**anemones**
2	Correct enviroment and orginisms from paragraph 1.	**environment; organisms**
3	Which reference material named in paragraph 3 could you use to check weahter?	**A print dictionary or a trusted online dictionary.**
4	Correct calender, measurments, temperture, and habbitat from paragraph 2.	**calendar; measurements; temperature; habitat**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the pond, I saw a heron standing still beside the shalow (shallow) water. Its reflecshun (reflection) moved when a breeze crossed the surface. I recorded the time and sketched the bird's long beak in my notebok (notebook).

For the marking job, the eight corrections are anemones, environment, organisms, weather, calendar, measurements, temperature, and habitat. For Question 3, accept either a print dictionary or a trusted online dictionary.