Word Detectives!

Use clues in the sentence
to crack new words





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Today we will...

WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Use sentence clues to figure out new words.
- Name the helper words that helped us.

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

✓ I can guess a word from its sentence.

✓ I can point to the clue words.





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Clues to Hunt For

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Tells It

The sentence tells what it means.

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Same

A nearby word means almost the same.

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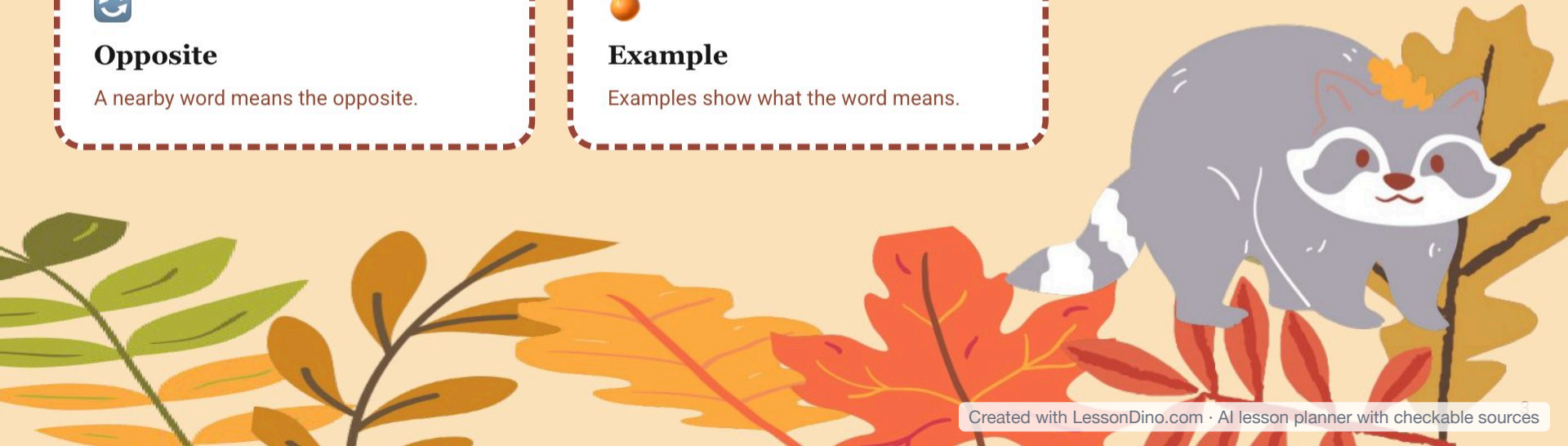
Opposite

A nearby word means the opposite.

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Example

Examples show what the word means.



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Skip It or Crack It?

Skip the word

- You stay confused.
- Story stops making sense.

Use the clues

- You keep reading.
- You make a smart guess.





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You Are the Detective

You find a word you don't know. What first?

- **A** Reread the whole sentence
- **B** Keep reading for more hints
- **C** Look for helper words
- **D** Guess fast and move on

Vote with your hands, then explain why.



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Watch: Clue Hunters



▶ 0:00 – 3:11

- Listen for helper words.
- Spot what the new word means.

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Detective Steps

Read the whole sentence. → Find helper clue words. → Guess what fits. → Put it back – does it make sense?



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Watch: Try It Yourself



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- Pause and guess the meaning.
- Check if your guess fits.

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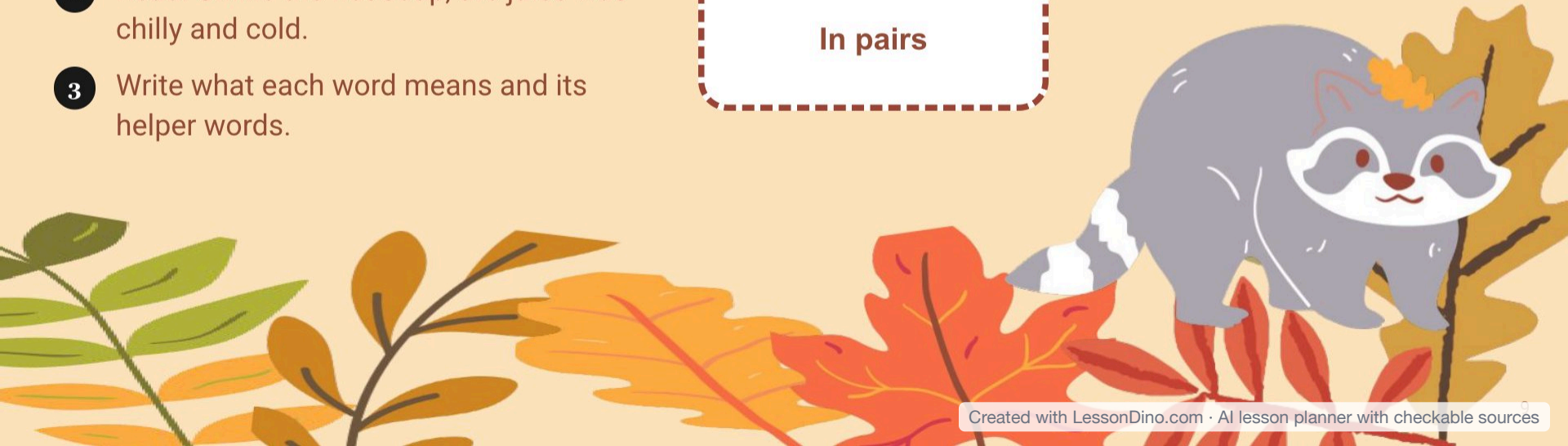
Your task

Crack two mystery words with your partner.

1. Read: After the hike, the kids were famished and ate everything fast.
2. Read: Unlike the hot soup, the juice was chilly and cold.
3. Write what each word means and its helper words.

10 min

In pairs



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DID YOU KNOW?

Most new words are learned by reading.

Good readers use words around a hard word to learn it.



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Think, pair, share

Which helper words helped you most, and how?



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Exit ticket

1. One thing I learned today...

2. One new word I cracked: ____ means ____

3. One question I still have...





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