Seeds on the Move

Find the main idea and the details that support it.

2.LF.24 "Identify the main idea and supporting details of literary and informational texts. a. Explain how the supporting details contribute to the main idea. b. Recount or summarize key ideas from the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells the main idea, then circle one detail in each paragraph that shows how a seed travels.

How Seeds Travel

1. A seed needs a place to grow. Seeds can travel away from the plant that made them in different ways. A dandelion seed has a soft, fluffy top. The wind can lift it and carry it across a field.

2. Maple seeds travel by wind, too, but they move in a different way. Each seed has a thin wing. When it falls, it spins like a tiny fan. This spinning helps the wind carry it away.

3. Some seeds get a ride on animals. Burdock seeds grow inside little burrs. The burrs have tiny hooks that catch on an animal's fur. Later, a burr may fall off in a new place. Its seeds can grow there.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

2. How does the detail about a maple seed's wing help show the main idea?

3. Retell two ways seeds travel. Tell what helps each one move.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about something you know how to do, such as making a snack. Tell the main idea in your first sentence. Give two details in the next two sentences, and explain how one detail shows your main idea.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.LF.24

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells the main idea, then circle one detail in each paragraph that shows how a seed travels. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the main idea of the passage?	**Seeds travel away from the plants that made them in different ways.**
2	How does the detail about a maple seed's wing help show the main idea?	**The wing lets the seed spin, which helps the wind carry it away.**
3	Retell two ways seeds travel. Tell what helps each one move.	**Dandelion seeds have fluffy tops that help the wind carry them. Burdock burrs have hooks that catch on animal fur.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I can make a banana sandwich. First, I put banana slices on a piece of bread. Then I fold the bread over the bananas, so my sandwich is ready to eat.

Accept main ideas that say seeds move away from their parent plants in different ways. For the marking job, accept any detail in each paragraph that accurately shows how that seed moves.