Garden Gate Clues

Use story clues to draw conclusions.

2.LF.30.c "Draw conclusions based on the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two clues that help you decide who watered the plants. Circle one clue that helps explain why Milo did not use his bucket.

The Garden Before School

1. Yesterday, Nia frowned at the drooping tomato plants in the class garden. "They need help," she told her brother Milo. This morning, Milo came to water them. The soil was damp, but the sky had stayed clear all night.

2. A small green watering can sat beside the plants. Tiny muddy shoe prints led from the garden to the gate. A red ribbon hung on the gate latch. Milo knew Nia had worn a red ribbon and her new small shoes today.

3. At lunch, Nia walked past the garden. She stopped to look at the tomato plants, which now stood tall. Her shoes were muddy, and her hair ribbon was gone. Milo waved to her, then put his full water bucket back in the shed.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who most likely watered the plants? What clue helped you decide?

2. How did the red ribbon most likely get on the gate?

3. Why did Milo put his full bucket away?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

What can you conclude about how Nia feels about the tomato plants? Write two sentences. Use two clues from the story.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two clues that help you decide who watered the plants. Circle one clue that helps explain why Milo did not use his bucket. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who most likely watered the plants? What clue helped you decide?	**Nia likely watered them. Her small shoes were muddy, and a ribbon like hers was caught on the garden gate.**
2	How did the red ribbon most likely get on the gate?	**Nia's ribbon likely caught on the gate as she went through it.**
3	Why did Milo put his full bucket away?	**The plants had already been watered. The soil was damp, and the plants stood tall.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Nia cares about the tomato plants. She frowned when they drooped, and she came back to see them standing tall.

Accept conclusions supported by story clues. For the ribbon, students may say it fell off Nia near the gate.