Garden Opinions

Use facts to check what people say.

2.LF.34.a "Use prior knowledge and information gathered from research to evaluate opinions in texts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each person's opinion. Circle the facts from the book or what you already know that help you check each opinion.

What Should We Plant?

1. Our class has a small garden by the school wall. It gets sunlight for four hours each day. We know plants need light to grow. We read a garden book to help us choose what to plant.

2. Mia says, "Sunflowers are the best choice!" The book says sunflowers grow best with six or more hours of sun each day. Mia likes their tall yellow flowers, but our garden gets only four hours of sun.

3. Leo says, "Lettuce is the best choice!" The book says lettuce can grow with four hours of sun each day. Ben says, "Water is all plants need." We know plants need light, too.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Does the book support Mia's opinion? Use a fact about sunflowers and a fact about the garden.

2. Does the book support Leo's opinion? Use a fact about lettuce and a fact about the garden.

3. Do you agree with Ben's opinion? Use something you know about plants to explain.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

If the class finds a place with six hours of sun, a friend says, “We should move the garden there to grow sunflowers.” Do you agree? Write two sentences using what you know about plants and a fact from the book.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each person's opinion. Circle the facts from the book or what you already know that help you check each opinion. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Does the book support Mia's opinion? Use a fact about sunflowers and a fact about the garden.	**No. Sunflowers grow best with at least six hours of sun, but the garden gets only four.**
2	Does the book support Leo's opinion? Use a fact about lettuce and a fact about the garden.	**Yes. Lettuce can grow with four hours of sun, and the garden gets four hours.**
3	Do you agree with Ben's opinion? Use something you know about plants to explain.	**No. Plants need light, too, not just water.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I agree because I know plants need light to grow. The book says sunflowers grow best with six or more hours of sun, so the new place could help them grow.

For the marking job, accept underlined opinions from Mia, Leo, and Ben and circled facts that help check them. For Your Turn, accept either opinion if the student explains it using prior knowledge and a book fact.