Nuts for Later

Find the beginning, facts, and ending in an explanation.

2.LF.41 "Write informative or explanatory texts, introducing the topic, providing facts and relevant details to develop points, and providing a conclusion."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the sentence that introduces the topic. Underline two facts in the middle paragraph, then put a star beside the sentence that wraps up the explanation.

How Squirrels Save Food

1. Gray squirrels save food for colder days. In fall, they collect nuts such as acorns. They bury many of these nuts in small spots in the ground. Each hidden nut is a snack for later.

2. A squirrel digs a small hole and pushes a nut inside. Then it covers the hole with dirt. It may hide nuts in many different places instead of making one big pile.

3. When food is hard to find, a squirrel can dig up some of its hidden nuts. It uses its nose and memory to help find them. Burying nuts gives the squirrel food for cold days.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which sentence introduces the topic? Write it below.

2. What two facts in the middle paragraph explain how a squirrel hides a nut?

3. How does the last sentence bring the facts together?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write four sentences about a tool you know, such as a pencil or a toothbrush. Introduce the tool, give two facts with helpful details, and end with a sentence that wraps up your explanation.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the sentence that introduces the topic. Underline two facts in the middle paragraph, then put a star beside the sentence that wraps up the explanation. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which sentence introduces the topic? Write it below.	**Gray squirrels save food for colder days.**
2	What two facts in the middle paragraph explain how a squirrel hides a nut?	**It pushes a nut into a small hole, then covers the hole with dirt.**
3	How does the last sentence bring the facts together?	**It explains that burying nuts gives the squirrel food for cold days.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A pencil is a tool for writing. Its tip leaves marks on paper as you move it. You can sharpen a dull tip so it makes thin lines again. A pencil is useful for writing words and drawing pictures.

For Part 1, accept any two factual sentences from the middle paragraph as underlined facts. For Part 3, look for a named tool, two accurate facts with details, and a concluding sentence.