Garden Question Hunt

Use known facts to plan what to find out next.

2.LF.46.b "Create questions to gather information for a research project."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Nico's research question. Circle the names of the three other garden animals he could ask questions about.

Nico's Garden Research

1. Nico wants to learn how small animals help a garden. He begins with a question: Which flowers do bees visit in our garden? He could watch flowers, read a book, and ask a gardener. His question points him toward facts he can find.

2. Bees move pollen between flowers as they collect food. Earthworms make tunnels in soil. Their tunnels let air and water move through the ground. Nico notices that each animal helps in a different way. He wants to know more than these first facts tell him.

3. Ladybugs eat aphids, small insects that feed on plants. Ants live in groups called colonies. Nico sees ants walking beside a garden path. He writes down what he knows before choosing more questions to guide his search.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What new question about bees and pollen could Nico research? Do not ask which flowers bees visit.

2. What question about earthworm tunnels could Nico research that the passage does not answer?

3. What question about ladybugs and aphids could Nico research that the passage does not answer?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Nico wants to learn more about the ants near the path. Write two different questions he could use to find new information about those ants. The passage must not already answer your questions.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline Nico's research question. Circle the names of the three other garden animals he could ask questions about. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What new question about bees and pollen could Nico research? Do not ask which flowers bees visit.	**How do bees carry pollen between flowers?**
2	What question about earthworm tunnels could Nico research that the passage does not answer?	**How deep are the earthworm tunnels in the garden?**
3	What question about ladybugs and aphids could Nico research that the passage does not answer?	**How many aphids does a ladybug eat in one day?**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

What do the ants near the path eat? Where do these ants build their nest?

For the marking job, students should underline Nico's question about bees and circle earthworms, ladybugs, and ants. Accept other clear research questions that fit the named animal and are not answered in the passage.