Garden Sound Search

Read a garden story and mark the sounds of c and g.

3.LF.8.i "Decode and encode words with hard and soft c and g."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the passage. Circle each c or g that makes a soft sound, and underline each c or g that makes a hard sound.

Mia at the Garden

1. On Saturday, Mia visited a city garden with her dad. A green gate stood beside the wide, sandy path. They saw carrots, corn, and celery in neat rows. Mia carried a bag of seeds. A gentle breeze moved the leaves. At the end of one row, Mia spotted a tiny snail on a damp stone.

2. Mia wanted to help. Dad pointed to a note that said, "Please keep the gate closed." The garden had a cage around the new plants so rabbits could not eat them. Mia looked at the cage and saw a gap near the ground. She set her bag down and called Dad over to take a closer look.

3. Dad fixed the gap with a piece of wire. Then Mia put seeds into a small cup of soil. She drew a circle on a tag and set it by the cup. Dad said the seeds would need water and sun. On their way out, Mia closed the gate and gave Dad a big grin.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which vegetable in the passage has a soft c? What sound does its c make?

2. Find the word for the barrier around the plants. Write the word. Does its g make a hard or soft sound?

3. Find the word circle in the passage. What sound does its first c make? What sound does its second c make?

4. What word in paragraph 1 names the entrance to the garden and begins with a hard g? Write it.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a new visit to Mia's garden. Use and underline one word with a hard c and one word with a soft g that are not in the passage.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.LF.8.i

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read the passage. Circle each c or g that makes a soft sound, and underline each c or g that makes a hard sound. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which vegetable in the passage has a soft c? What sound does its c make?	**Celery. Its c makes the /s/ sound.**
2	Find the word for the barrier around the plants. Write the word. Does its g make a hard or soft sound?	**Cage. Its g makes a soft sound.**
3	Find the word circle in the passage. What sound does its first c make? What sound does its second c make?	**The first c makes /s/. The second c makes /k/.**
4	What word in paragraph 1 names the entrance to the garden and begins with a hard g? Write it.	**Gate.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A cat sat by the flowers. Mia found a gem under a leaf.

For the marking job, check the sound of each marked letter, including both c's in circle. In Part 3, accept any two garden-related sentences with an underlined, correctly spelled hard-c word and soft-g word that do not appear in the passage.