Three Garden Views

One mystery told in three ways

4.LF.17.a "Explain the difference between first person and third person narration, including omniscient and third person limited."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle words that show who tells each version, underline clues about whose thoughts you can hear, and label each paragraph first person, third person limited, or third person omniscient.

The Empty Pot

1. I carried a tray of tomato seedlings into our school garden before the bell. One pot was empty, and a trail of soil led toward the fence. I felt my stomach tighten. Had I dropped the plant on the way? I followed the trail and found a small green stem poking from behind a watering can. Jalen hurried over when I called his name.

2. Jalen watched Mina carry a tray of tomato seedlings into the school garden before the bell. When she found one pot empty, he worried that a squirrel had dug up the plant. A trail of soil led toward the fence, so he searched along it. Mina walked beside him, studying the ground. Jalen spotted a green stem behind a watering can and hoped the plant would still grow.

3. Mina carried a tray of tomato seedlings into the school garden before the bell. When she saw an empty pot, she feared she had lost a plant. Jalen noticed a trail of soil and wondered if a squirrel had visited the garden. Mina felt relieved when they found the green stem behind a watering can. Jalen was still worried that the bent plant might not survive.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which paragraph uses first-person narration? Give two words from it that helped you decide.

2. Why is paragraph 2 third person limited? Name the character whose thoughts you can hear and give one example.

3. How do you know paragraph 3 is third person omniscient? Give a thought or feeling from each character.

4. What does paragraph 3 tell you about Mina's feelings that paragraph 2 does not?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence scene about two children finding a lost kite. Use third-person omniscient narration, name both children, and reveal a private thought or feeling for each one without using "I" or "my."

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle words that show who tells each version, underline clues about whose thoughts you can hear, and label each paragraph first person, third person limited, or third person omniscient. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which paragraph uses first-person narration? Give two words from it that helped you decide.	**Paragraph 1 uses first-person narration. The words "I" and "my" show that the storyteller is a character.**
2	Why is paragraph 2 third person limited? Name the character whose thoughts you can hear and give one example.	**It uses "he" and names the characters, but reveals only Jalen's thoughts. He worries that a squirrel dug up the plant.**
3	How do you know paragraph 3 is third person omniscient? Give a thought or feeling from each character.	**The narrator reveals both characters' inner lives. Mina fears she lost the plant, and Jalen wonders if a squirrel visited.**
4	What does paragraph 3 tell you about Mina's feelings that paragraph 2 does not?	**Paragraph 3 says Mina fears she lost the plant and feels relieved when they find it. Paragraph 2 describes what she does, not how she feels.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Tara spotted a red kite tangled in a low branch and hoped it was hers. Leo worried that climbing the tree would be dangerous. Tara felt relieved when a gust shook the kite free, but Leo wondered who owned it.

Accept different quoted clues when they correctly show who narrates and whose thoughts are revealed. For Your Turn, check for three sentences, two named children, and access to both children's private thoughts or feelings.