Where Should It Go?

Use three sources to weigh a rain garden plan.

5.LF.26.c "Locate information quickly within a text and apply information from multiple sources to analysis of the topics."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the three sources in the margin, then underline one detail in each that helps you decide where a rain garden could go.

A Garden for Rainwater

1. Source 1, the garden club's storm notes: After three rainy days, members noticed water from the library roof crossing the pavement and pooling beside the bike rack. Each puddle was still there the next morning. Along the sunny fence, rainwater soaked into the soil by lunchtime. The club hopes to catch some roof runoff, but students also need a dry, safe path to their bikes.

2. Source 2, a city parks guide: A rain garden is a shallow planted space that holds runoff while it sinks into the ground. Put it away from building walls and busy paths. Its soil should drain within about two days after a storm. Before planting, dig a small test hole, fill it with water, and check whether the water disappears within two days. Use plants that can handle both wet and dry spells.

3. Source 3, the school caretaker's site notes: The bike rack is next to the main walking path, just four feet from the library wall. The sunny fence is farther from the building and does not block a path. A second roof downspout ends near the fence, where staff could direct water into a new garden. Staff must check for buried pipes before digging anywhere on school grounds.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why is the bike rack a poor place for the garden? Use details from Sources 1 and 2.

2. Which place looks more promising for drainage? Use details from Sources 1 and 2 to explain.

3. How could a garden catch roof runoff without blocking the route to the bikes? Use Sources 1 and 3.

4. What two checks should happen before planting at the sunny fence? Find one in Source 2 and one in Source 3.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A classmate says, "The sunny fence is perfect, so we can dig and plant today." Write four sentences that weigh this claim. Use at least one detail from each source and explain what you still need to find out.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number the three sources in the margin, then underline one detail in each that helps you decide where a rain garden could go. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is the bike rack a poor place for the garden? Use details from Sources 1 and 2.	**Source 1 says students need a dry path to their bikes. Source 2 says to keep rain gardens away from busy paths.**
2	Which place looks more promising for drainage? Use details from Sources 1 and 2 to explain.	**The sunny fence looks more promising because rain soaked into its soil by lunchtime. Source 2 says a rain garden's soil should drain within about two days.**
3	How could a garden catch roof runoff without blocking the route to the bikes? Use Sources 1 and 3.	**Source 1 says the club wants to catch roof runoff while keeping the bike route safe. Source 3 says staff could direct water from a downspout into a garden by the sunny fence, which does not block a path.**
4	What two checks should happen before planting at the sunny fence? Find one in Source 2 and one in Source 3.	**Test whether water in a small hole drains within two days, and check for buried pipes before digging.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The sunny fence looks promising, but I would not call it perfect yet. The garden club saw rain soak in there by lunchtime. The parks guide says to test whether water in a hole drains within two days, so we still need that result. The caretaker says the spot is away from paths, but staff must check for buried pipes before digging.

Accept other well-supported answers that combine the named sources without claiming the fence has passed a drainage test. For Part 3, look for a balanced judgment, a detail from each source, and an unresolved check.