

Garden Messages

Compare relaxed and formal words for different readers.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.3 "Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the friendly, relaxed words in the first message. Circle the polite, formal words in the second message.

Two Garden Notes

- ① Hi, Maya! Want to help in the school garden after lunch? Bring your little shovel and meet me by the green gate. We can pull weeds, water the beans, and look for wriggly worms. See you soon! Your friend, Lee.
- ② Dear Garden Club Members, Please meet at the green gate after lunch. Bring a small shovel if you have one. We will weed the garden, water the bean plants, and observe worms. Thank you, Lee.
- ③ At lunch, Lee saw Maya near the green gate. "I will bring my shovel," Maya said. "Can we look for worms first?" Lee smiled. "Sure! Then we can water the beans together." The garden work began after lunch.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What greeting does Lee use in the first message?

2 What greeting does Lee use in the Garden Club message?

3 Which message sounds more formal, the first or second? Write two words or phrases that show this.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two short messages inviting others to play a game at recess. Write one message to a friend and one message to a group of classmates. Use relaxed words for your friend and polite, formal words for the group.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the friendly, relaxed words in the first message. Circle the polite, formal words in the second message. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What greeting does Lee use in the first message?	"Hi, Maya!"
2	What greeting does Lee use in the Garden Club message?	"Dear Garden Club Members,"
3	Which message sounds more formal, the first or second? Write two words or phrases that show this.	The second message. Answers may include "Dear Garden Club Members," "Please," or "Thank you."

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Hi, Sam! Want to play kickball at recess? Meet me by the blacktop. Dear Classmates, Please join a kickball game at recess. Meet by the blacktop. Thank you.

Accept answers that correctly identify the different greetings and recognize the second message as more formal. For the writing task, accept two invitations with a clear difference between relaxed friend language and polite group language.