Garden Growth Race

Notice how comparison words describe plants and actions.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.1g "Form and use comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every comparative or superlative adjective or adverb in the passage. Circle the word each one describes or tells about.

Bean Plant Check

1. On Monday, Ms. Chen's class checked three bean plants in the school garden. Plant A stood taller than Plant B, but Plant C was the tallest plant. Each plant had green leaves and a thin stem. The class used a ruler to measure from the soil to the top leaf. They wrote the height of every plant in a notebook.

2. By Friday, Plant B had grown faster than Plant A. The children checked the plants at the same time each day, so their measurements were fair. Plant C grew the fastest during the week because it gained four centimeters. Its spot near the window received bright sunlight for many hours. The class knew that light and water help bean plants grow.

3. During the next check, Ana wrote the measurements most carefully, and Leo placed the ruler more neatly beside each stem. Ms. Chen said that clear notes help the class see changes. At the end of the month, the class will choose the healthiest plant to move into a larger pot. They will compare its new growth with the other plants.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, which word is a comparative adjective? What plant does it describe?

2. In paragraph 1, which word is a superlative adjective? What plant does it describe?

3. In paragraph 2, what word tells how Plant B had grown compared with Plant A? Is it an adjective or an adverb?

4. In paragraph 3, which superlative adverb tells how Ana wrote? Which verb does it modify?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about three imaginary garden plants. Use a comparative adjective, a superlative adjective, a comparative adverb, and a superlative adverb.

ANSWER KEY

Garden Growth Race

GRADE 3 · L.3.1g

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline every comparative or superlative adjective or adverb in the passage. Circle the word each one describes or tells about. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, which word is a comparative adjective? What plant does it describe?	**taller, Plant A**
2	In paragraph 1, which word is a superlative adjective? What plant does it describe?	**tallest, Plant C**
3	In paragraph 2, what word tells how Plant B had grown compared with Plant A? Is it an adjective or an adverb?	**faster, adverb**
4	In paragraph 3, which superlative adverb tells how Ana wrote? Which verb does it modify?	**most carefully, wrote**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The sunflower plant is taller than the bean plant. The pumpkin plant is the widest plant. The sunflower grew faster than the bean plant, and the pumpkin plant grew the fastest.

Accept correctly formed comparison words used with a clear noun or verb. Passage targets include taller, tallest, faster, fastest, most carefully, more neatly, healthiest, and larger.