Sentence Garden Notes

Find simple, compound, and complex sentences in a plant journal.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.1i "Produce simple, compound, and complex sentences."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each simple sentence. Circle each compound sentence, and write Cx beside each complex sentence. A compound sentence joins two complete ideas with and, but, or so. A complex sentence includes a part that begins with because, when, or although.

Maya's Bean Plants

1. On Monday, Maya planted bean seeds in damp soil. She placed the pots near a warm window, and she checked the soil each day. Because seeds need water, she kept the soil moist but not soggy. The seeds did not need sunlight to begin germinating. After several days, tiny roots grew from some seeds. Maya smiled when she saw the first green shoots push above the soil.

2. The next week, more shoots stood above the soil. Maya measured the tallest plant, and she wrote its height in a notebook. When the soil felt dry, she added a small amount of water. Her brother wanted to help. He filled a cup, but Maya asked him to pour slowly. Too much water can leave roots without enough air in the soil.

3. Later that month, Maya moved the plants to a sunny place. The leaves needed light to make food, so the plants could grow. Although one plant leaned toward the window, Maya did not turn the pot yet. She wanted to watch its direction for another day. The bean plants were young, but their stems looked strong. Maya planned a chart because she wanted to compare their heights next week.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Copy one simple sentence from paragraph 1.

2. Copy the compound sentence in paragraph 2 that is joined by and.

3. What kind of sentence is this: “Although one plant leaned toward the window, Maya did not turn the pot yet”?

4. What word begins the dependent part of this sentence: “Maya planned a chart because she wanted to compare their heights next week”?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence garden note. Write one simple sentence, one compound sentence joined with and, but, or so, and one complex sentence that begins with because, when, or although.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · L.3.1i

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each simple sentence. Circle each compound sentence, and write Cx beside each complex sentence. A compound sentence joins two complete ideas with and, but, or so. A complex sentence includes a part that begins with because, when, or although. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy one simple sentence from paragraph 1.	**Answers vary. Example: "The seeds did not need sunlight to begin germinating."**
2	Copy the compound sentence in paragraph 2 that is joined by and.	**"Maya measured the tallest plant, and she wrote its height in a notebook."**
3	What kind of sentence is this: "Although one plant leaned toward the window, Maya did not turn the pot yet"?	**Complex sentence.**
4	What word begins the dependent part of this sentence: "Maya planned a chart because she wanted to compare their heights next week"?	**because**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Rina checked the tomato plant. She pulled weeds, and she gave the plant water. When the soil was dry, Rina watered it slowly.

Accept correctly formed simple, compound, and complex sentences about a garden or plant. The compound sentence should have two complete ideas joined by a coordinating conjunction, and the complex sentence should include a main idea and a dependent part.