Garden Notes Matter

Notice how a garden report uses capitals and punctuation.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.2 "Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle capital letters in names, days, months, and titles. Underline every comma and draw a box around each pair of quotation marks to see how writers make ideas clear.

A Garden Visit

1. On Tuesday, April 14, Ms. Rivera's third-grade class visited the school garden. Liam carried a notebook, a pencil, and a small ruler. At 9:30 a.m., the class met Mr. Chen, the garden helper. He showed them bright red radishes, curly green lettuce, and tiny yellow flowers. The students wrote careful notes about what they saw.

2. "Which plant grows first?" Maya asked. Mr. Chen pointed to a row of peas. "Peas like cool spring weather," he said. "They can grow when the soil is still chilly." Maya checked the seed packet and wrote, "Plant peas two inches apart." Her partner, Owen, smiled and said, "Let's measure the space carefully before we dig."

3. Before leaving, the class made a sign for the garden gate. It said, "Please water young plants on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday." Ms. Rivera also mailed a thank-you card to City Gardens, 48 Maple Street, Brookdale, Ohio 44102. In the card, she wrote, "Thank you for the seeds, soil, and tools!" The class hoped to visit again in May.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write the date of the garden visit. Use the capital letter and comma correctly.

2. Write the garden helper's title and name exactly. Include the period.

3. Copy Mr. Chen's first spoken sentence exactly. Include the quotation marks, comma, and end mark.

4. Write the three days on the garden sign as a series. Use commas and the word and.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences for a garden journal. Include a capitalized day or month, a series of three items with commas, and spoken words in quotation marks. Spell each word carefully.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · L.3.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle capital letters in names, days, months, and titles. Underline every comma and draw a box around each pair of quotation marks to see how writers make ideas clear. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write the date of the garden visit. Use the capital letter and comma correctly.	**Tuesday, April 14**
2	Write the garden helper's title and name exactly. Include the period.	**Mr. Chen**
3	Copy Mr. Chen's first spoken sentence exactly. Include the quotation marks, comma, and end mark.	**"Peas like cool spring weather," he said.**
4	Write the three days on the garden sign as a series. Use commas and the word and.	**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Friday, May 8, Nora brought gloves, seeds, and a watering can. "Let's plant the beans!" she said.

Accept answers that use correct capitalization, commas in the series and date, quotation marks around spoken words, and correct end punctuation. For the open task, accept different garden details if all required conventions and conventional spellings are present.