Garden Ownership Clues

Read a model text and notice how possessives show ownership.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.2d "Form and use possessives."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every possessive word or phrase that shows ownership, including its. Circle each apostrophe you find in the possessives.

A Visit to the Butterfly Garden

1. On Tuesday, Ms. Lee's class visited the school's butterfly garden. The garden's signs showed which plants give caterpillars food. Each student's notebook had a map of the beds. Maya traced the milkweed patch, while Jordan sketched the zinnias. The children noticed that one monarch's orange wings were brighter than the others' wings in the morning sun.

2. At the water station, the group's leader read the helpers' list. Sam filled the birds' shallow dish, and Nia checked the bees' water cup. Tiny stones gave insects a safe place to stand. The teacher explained that a bee's body can get wet, so the cup's stones help keep the bees from falling into the water.

3. Before leaving, the class measured the plants' heights. Maya's sunflower was tallest, but its stem needed support. Jordan tied the stem to a stake with the gardener's soft twine. Then everyone added notes to the garden journal. The next day's visitors could read the class's observations and use the gardeners' ideas to care for their own plants.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write the possessive name that tells whose class visited the garden.

2. In “the helpers' list,” does the list belong to one helper or more than one helper? Tell how the apostrophe helps you know.

3. Write the possessive phrase in paragraph 2 that names the stones that help bees stay out of the water.

4. Change “the ideas of the gardeners” into the possessive phrase used in paragraph 3.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal habitat. Use a singular possessive noun in one sentence and a plural possessive noun in the other. Use a possessive pronoun, such as its or their, in either sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · L.3.2d

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline every possessive word or phrase that shows ownership, including its. Circle each apostrophe you find in the possessives. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write the possessive name that tells whose class visited the garden.	**Ms. Lee's**
2	In "the helpers' list," does the list belong to one helper or more than one helper? Tell how the apostrophe helps you know.	**More than one helper. The apostrophe comes after the s in helpers'.**
3	Write the possessive phrase in paragraph 2 that names the stones that help bees stay out of the water.	**the cup's stones**
4	Change "the ideas of the gardeners" into the possessive phrase used in paragraph 3.	**the gardeners' ideas**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The turtle's shell was warm in the sun. The turtles' pond held their floating logs.

Accept correctly formed singular and plural possessives that clearly show ownership. In Part 3, accept any relevant habitat sentences that include a singular possessive noun, a plural possessive noun, and a correct possessive pronoun.