Garden Detail Hunt

Find phrases that add precise details to a garden scene.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.4.1e "Form and use prepositional phrases."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every prepositional phrase in the passage. Circle the preposition in each phrase to see how the phrase adds details about place, time, or direction.

Morning at the Garden

1. Before sunrise, Maya and her uncle walked to the community garden. A mist rested over the wooden beds, and drops of water shone on each leaf. Near the fence, they found a row of bean plants climbing up tall poles. Maya carried a bucket from the shed and set it beside the tomato patch. The garden felt quiet in the early morning.

2. At the tool table, Uncle Ren showed Maya how to loosen soil around the seedlings. He poured compost into a small wheelbarrow and mixed it with dark earth. Then Maya tucked basil plants between the lettuce rows. Bees moved among the flowers while she worked nearby that morning. By breakfast time, the pair had watered every bed along the path.

3. Later, Maya checked the garden map inside the gate. A blue line showed the route around the pond, where rainwater collected after storms. She noticed a sign beneath an apple tree. It asked visitors to keep their feet on the gravel walk. Maya smiled as she looked across the garden at the busy bees and bright vegetables.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Copy the prepositional phrase that tells where the mist rested.

2. In the phrase "around the seedlings," what is the preposition?

3. Copy the prepositional phrase that tells when Maya and Uncle Ren had watered every bed.

4. Which prepositional phrase in paragraph 3 tells where Maya checked the garden map?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about helping in a park. Use at least three prepositional phrases, including one that tells when and one that tells where.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline every prepositional phrase in the passage. Circle the preposition in each phrase to see how the phrase adds details about place, time, or direction. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy the prepositional phrase that tells where the mist rested.	**over the wooden beds**
2	In the phrase "around the seedlings," what is the preposition?	**around**
3	Copy the prepositional phrase that tells when Maya and Uncle Ren had watered every bed.	**By breakfast time**
4	Which prepositional phrase in paragraph 3 tells where Maya checked the garden map?	**inside the gate**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At noon, I helped at the park. I pulled weeds beside the slide and carried them into a bin. After lunch, I walked along the trail with my sister.

For Your Turn, accept three complete sentences that include at least three correctly formed prepositional phrases, including a time phrase and a place phrase.