Garden Word Clues

Find words with similar and opposite meanings in a garden report.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.4.5c "Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each pair of words that has similar but not identical meanings. Circle each pair of words that has opposite meanings.

A Day at the City Garden

1. On Saturday, Maya joined a group at the city garden. The volunteers began, or started, by clearing a narrow path between the vegetable beds. Soon, they reached a wide open space near the tool shed. Maya carried a heavy bucket, while her friend Luis carried a light basket of seeds. Both jobs helped prepare the garden for planting.

2. At noon, the garden was noisy with buzzing bees and chatting workers. After lunch, it became quiet as everyone watched a monarch butterfly visit the flowers. The butterfly moved quickly from bloom to bloom, then rested slowly on a sunny stone. Bees and butterflies collect nectar, a sweet liquid that gives them energy for flight.

3. Before leaving, Maya checked the soil. It felt dry on top but wet below the surface. She gave the thirsty plants water, but she did not soak them. Too much water can harm roots, while too little can leave a plant wilted. Maya smiled when she saw the garden looking tidy and neat in sunlight.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which two words in paragraph 1 have similar meanings and tell when the volunteers began their work?

2. In paragraph 3, which two words compare opposite amounts of water a plant can get?

3. How are the words noisy and quiet in paragraph 2 related?

4. Which two words in the last sentence have similar but not identical meanings?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a place outdoors. Use one pair of synonyms in one sentence and one pair of antonyms in the other sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each pair of words that has similar but not identical meanings. Circle each pair of words that has opposite meanings. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two words in paragraph 1 have similar meanings and tell when the volunteers began their work?	**began and started**
2	In paragraph 3, which two words compare opposite amounts of water a plant can get?	**much and little**
3	How are the words noisy and quiet in paragraph 2 related?	**They are antonyms.**
4	Which two words in the last sentence have similar but not identical meanings?	**tidy and neat**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the pond, I saw a tiny, or small, frog hop onto a rock. The water was shallow near the edge but deep in the middle.

Expected synonym pairs are began/started and tidy/neat. Expected antonym pairs are narrow/wide, heavy/light, noisy/quiet, quickly/slowly, dry/wet, and much/little.