

Keep the Tone

Analyze how word choice keeps a school proposal consistent.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.6.3b "Maintain consistency in style and tone.*"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three words or phrases that create a formal, informative tone. Circle the one sentence that uses a more casual tone and does not match the rest of the passage.

Water-Wise Garden Plan

- ① Next month, the student council will present a plan to improve the school garden. The plan asks each science class to help care for one planting bed during the growing season. Students will measure plant growth, remove weeds, and record how much water each bed receives. Teachers will schedule short work times so garden care does not interrupt lessons. The council believes that shared jobs will keep the garden healthy and give students useful experience with observation and responsibility.
- ② To conserve water, the plan includes a rain barrel beside the tool shed. A downspout from the shed roof will carry rainwater into the barrel, where it can be used on dry days. The barrel is pretty awesome, and everyone will want to see it. Before using the collected water, students will check that the lid is secure and that no debris blocks the opening. These steps will help the garden team use water carefully and safely.
- ③ Garden work will take place from April through June, when many vegetables grow quickly. Each class will receive a simple chart for listing its tasks and observations. At the end of each month, representatives will report the results to the student council. The reports may show which plants need more shade, water, or support. By following the same routine, students can make decisions based on clear information rather than guesses. The council will share a final summary with families during the spring showcase.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is the overall tone of the garden plan? Give two words or phrases from the passage that support your answer.

2 Which sentence has a casual tone that does not match the rest of the passage?

3 Why does the sentence you identified in Question 2 weaken the passage's consistent style and tone?

4 How do the words "secure," "debris," and "carefully" help maintain the tone in paragraph 2?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a three-sentence announcement for a school environmental project. Keep a formal, informative tone in every sentence, and include the project, when or where it happens, and what students should do.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three words or phrases that create a formal, informative tone. Circle the one sentence that uses a more casual tone and does not match the rest of the passage. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the overall tone of the garden plan? Give two words or phrases from the passage that support your answer.	The tone is formal and informative. Supporting words or phrases may include "conserve water," "observations," "representatives," "clear information," or "carefully and safely."
2	Which sentence has a casual tone that does not match the rest of the passage?	"The barrel is pretty awesome, and everyone will want to see it."
3	Why does the sentence you identified in Question 2 weaken the passage's consistent style and tone?	The words "pretty awesome" and "everyone will want to see it" sound casual and excited, while the rest of the proposal uses precise, informative language.
4	How do the words "secure," "debris," and "carefully" help maintain the tone in paragraph 2?	They give precise safety information, which supports the passage's formal, informative tone.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Saturday, April 18, the Environmental Club will clean the trail beside Cedar Creek. Volunteers should meet at 9:00 a.m. near the park entrance and bring a reusable water bottle. This project will help protect the creek and keep the trail safe for visitors.

Accept evidence that accurately identifies the passage's formal, informative tone and explains why the casual sentence differs. For Part 3, accept announcements with exactly three sentences that maintain a formal, informative tone and include all requested details.