

Reasons Behind Points

Oral listening task for linking an author's point to the reason given.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.8 "Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text."

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DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	1	2	3
b	1	2	3
c	1	2	3

2 LINK REASONS _____

A	•	•	3
B	•	•	2
C	•	•	1

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read every script and prompt aloud while students look at the large letters and numbers. Students listen for the author's point and identify the full reason the author gives, rather than a word from the reason. Read the choices again as needed.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY "Each row has the numbers 1, 2, and 3. Listen to the author and the three reasons, then circle the number for the reason the author gives."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	An author writes, "We should plant trees. Trees give us shade on sunny days." Which reason did the author give? Number 1 says, "Trees give us shade." Number 2 says, "Trees can make pencils." Number 3 says, "Trees have roots." Which number will you circle?	1
b	An author writes, "We should eat breakfast. Breakfast gives us energy for the morning." Which reason did the author give? Number 1 says, "Breakfast can have fruit." Number 2 says, "Breakfast gives us energy." Number 3 says, "Breakfast is on a plate." Which number will you circle?	2
c	An author writes, "We should return library books. Other children can read them." Which reason did the author give? Number 1 says, "Books have pages." Number 2 says, "Libraries have doors." Number 3 says, "Other children can read the books." Which number will you circle?	3

PART 2 • LINK REASONS

SAY "Listen to these author ideas: A says, "Wear a coat outside because a coat keeps us warm." B says, "Wash your hands because washing removes germs." C says, "Save water because saving water leaves more water for later." The numbered reasons are 1, "Washing removes germs," 2, "A coat keeps us warm," and 3, "Saving water leaves more water for later." Which number goes with each letter? Draw a line from each letter to its reason."

- **A** matches **2**
- **B** matches **1**
- **C** matches **3**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle rows, in order: 1, 2, 3. Match A to 2, B to 1, and C to 3.