Reasons at Work

Find the point and the reasons that support it.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.8 "Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that states the author's main point. Then write 1, 2, and 3 beside the three reasons that tell why the point makes sense.

More Trees for Riverside

(1) Riverside should plant more trees in its parks. On sunny days, leaves make shade. The shade helps children and families stay cooler when they play, walk, or sit outside. More trees would make park visits more comfortable.

(2) Trees can also help keep park soil in place. Their roots hold the ground together. When rain falls, less soil may wash away. This helps keep dirt out of nearby streams, where animals need clean water.

(3) Finally, trees give birds places to build nests and find food. People can watch birds in the parks. Shade, strong soil, and homes for birds show why park trees matter in Riverside.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the author's point about Riverside parks?

2. How does shade support the point that Riverside should plant more trees?

3. How do roots and bird homes each support the author's point?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one thing your school should add or change. Write 3 sentences: state your point in the first sentence, then give one reason in each of the next two sentences.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that states the author's main point. Then write 1, 2, and 3 beside the three reasons that tell why the point makes sense. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the author's point about Riverside parks?	**Riverside should plant more trees in its parks.**
2	How does shade support the point that Riverside should plant more trees?	**Shade helps people stay cooler and makes park visits more comfortable.**
3	How do roots and bird homes each support the author's point?	**Roots help keep soil from washing into streams, and trees give birds places to nest and find food.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our school should add a water bottle filling station. Students could get a drink after running at recess. It would also help us use fewer plastic bottles.

Accept equivalent wording for the author's point and reasons when it matches the passage. For the open task, accept a clear point and two reasons that support it.