

Find the Why

Listen for an author's reason, then mark the word that tells why.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.8 "With prompting and support, identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text."

NAME _____

DATE _____

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

1 CIRCLE WHY _____

a	dry	warm	noisy
b	soft	shiny	safe
c	fair	fast	tall

2 MATCH WHY _____

Read	•	•	Happy
Sleep	•	•	Learn
Share	•	•	Grow

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Explain that an author can tell what to do and then tell why. Model with a different oral example, such as, "We should close the gate because it keeps the yard safe," and ask children to listen for the why. Read each author message slowly, repeating it once if 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 WHY

SAY "An author can give a reason that tells why. Listen to each author message and the words in the row. Can you circle the word that tells why?"

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	An author says, "We should wear coats on cold days because coats keep us warm." The choices are dry, warm, and noisy. Which word tells why?	warm
b	An author says, "We should put toys away because a clear floor is safe." The choices are soft, shiny, and safe. Which word tells why?	safe
c	An author says, "We should take turns because taking turns is fair." The choices are fair, fast, and tall. Which word tells why?	fair

PART 2 • MATCH WHY

SAY "Listen to these author ideas: "Read because reading helps you learn. Sleep because sleep helps you grow. Share because sharing makes people happy." The left words tell what the author says to do, and the right words tell why. Can you draw a line from each left word to its reason?"

- **Read** matches **Learn**
- **Sleep** matches **Grow**
- **Share** matches **Happy**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are warm, safe, and fair. Part 2 matches are Read to Learn, Sleep to Grow, and Share to Happy; accept clear connecting lines.