

Clues at the Nest

Use exact words as evidence for facts and inferences.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.1 "Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that tell exactly what happened, circle two details that help you infer why someone acted, and write E or I beside each mark.

The Bean Bed Mystery

- ① On Monday morning, Luis arrived early at the community garden to water the seedlings. Near the tool shed, he noticed a row of small, round holes in the soil beside the bean plants. The leaves were still standing, but several were clipped cleanly at their stems. Luis did not touch the area. Instead, he wrote the time in his notebook and called Ms. Chen, the garden leader.
- ② Ms. Chen knelt beside the holes and pointed to a narrow trail leading under the fence. "We need more information before we decide what happened," she said. She placed a small camera on a post, facing the bean bed. Then she covered the new seeds with wire mesh, leaving space for rain and sunlight. Luis checked the camera each afternoon, but he did not move the mesh.
- ③ On Thursday, the camera showed a rabbit squeezing under the fence after sunset. It nibbled the bean stems, then paused near the holes. Ms. Chen explained that the holes were probably made by insects, but the rabbit had damaged the plants. Luis helped secure the loose fence edge with a wooden stake. The next week, new bean leaves appeared, and the camera showed no rabbit inside the garden.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What did Luis do after he noticed the damage? Copy one exact phrase from the passage.

2 What can you infer about Ms. Chen's reason for placing the camera? Quote the sentence that best supports your inference.

3 What detail proves that the rabbit damaged the bean plants? Copy the exact words.

4 Why might Luis have left the wire mesh in place? State an inference and quote a detail that supports it.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-sentence recommendation for how the garden team should protect bean plants next time. State one action, quote two different details from the passage, and explain how the details support your action.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two details that tell exactly what happened, circle two details that help you infer why someone acted, and write E or I beside each mark. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Luis do after he noticed the damage? Copy one exact phrase from the passage.	"he wrote the time in his notebook and called Ms. Chen, the garden leader."
2	What can you infer about Ms. Chen's reason for placing the camera? Quote the sentence that best supports your inference.	She wanted more evidence before deciding what happened. Supporting quote: "We need more information before we decide what happened."
3	What detail proves that the rabbit damaged the bean plants? Copy the exact words.	"It nibbled the bean stems"
4	Why might Luis have left the wire mesh in place? State an inference and quote a detail that supports it.	He likely left it to protect the new seeds while still letting them get what they needed. Supporting quote: "leaving space for rain and sunlight."

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Next time, the team should check and secure the fence before planting. The camera showed "a rabbit squeezing under the fence after sunset," so the fence was the rabbit's entrance. After the fence was secured, the camera showed "no rabbit inside the garden," so this action can protect the plants.

Accept accurate quotations with minor punctuation or capitalization differences. For inference questions, accept reasonable conclusions when students connect them to a relevant exact detail from the passage.