

After the Storm

Use several details to support what the story states and suggests.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.7.1 "Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that directly tell what happened, circle details that help you infer Maya's feelings, and number three details that show how the garden community responds.

The Garden Gate

- ① On Saturday morning, Maya unlocked the gate to the neighborhood garden and found every tomato bed buried under a layer of brown silt. Overnight rain had overflowed the creek behind the library. The paths were slick, and a broken watering can floated beside the compost bin. Maya had planned to harvest vegetables for the food pantry that afternoon. Instead, she stood quietly with her boots at the gate, holding the pantry's empty delivery box in both hands.
- ② Before noon, Maya called her neighbor Mr. Ortiz, who repaired bicycles and knew how to build sturdy frames. She also sent a message to the garden club, asking members to bring shovels, gloves, and buckets. By lunchtime, eight people were scraping silt from the beds. Mr. Ortiz used old fence boards to guide water away from the seedlings. Maya sorted the least damaged tomatoes into the delivery box and wrote the pantry's address on a fresh label.
- ③ The next afternoon, the garden looked different. Clean paths crossed between the beds, and the creek water stayed behind the new board barrier. Only a few plants had bent stems. Maya carried two full boxes to the pantry, where volunteers added the tomatoes to bags of rice and beans. As she left, Maya paused at the gate. She tucked the muddy delivery label into her pocket before locking it for the night, smiling softly to herself.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What three details explicitly show that the storm damaged the garden? Cite all three details.

2 What can you infer about Maya's feelings when she first sees the garden? State an inference and cite three details that support it.

3 How does Maya show that she is a problem solver? Make a claim and cite three details that support it.

4 What can you infer about the condition of the garden by the end of the passage? State an inference and cite three details that support it.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a three-sentence paragraph that makes a claim about what the garden means to Maya and the neighborhood. Cite at least four details from the passage and explain how the details support your claim.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that directly tell what happened, circle details that help you infer Maya's feelings, and number three details that show how the garden community responds. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What three details explicitly show that the storm damaged the garden? Cite all three details.	The tomato beds were buried under brown silt, the paths were slick, and a broken watering can floated beside the compost bin.
2	What can you infer about Maya's feelings when she first sees the garden? State an inference and cite three details that support it.	Maya is likely worried or disappointed. She had planned to harvest for the pantry, she stood quietly at the gate, and she held the pantry's empty delivery box.
3	How does Maya show that she is a problem solver? Make a claim and cite three details that support it.	Maya acts quickly to solve the problem. She calls Mr. Ortiz, messages the garden club for supplies and help, and sorts the least damaged tomatoes for delivery.
4	What can you infer about the condition of the garden by the end of the passage? State an inference and cite three details that support it.	The garden is recovering and is better protected. The paths are clean, the creek water stays behind the board barrier, and only a few plants have bent stems.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The garden matters to Maya and her neighborhood because it provides food and brings people together. Maya holds the pantry's empty delivery box, showing that she thinks about people who need vegetables, and she later carries two full boxes to the pantry, showing that the garden feeds neighbors. She calls Mr. Ortiz and messages the garden club, bringing people to the cleanup, while Mr. Ortiz builds a board barrier, showing that neighbors protect the garden together.

Accept reasonable claims and inferences when students support them with at least the required number of accurate passage details. Evidence may be quoted directly or paraphrased clearly.