

Ask for Details

Use questions to understand directions clearly.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.2.1c “Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each question a student asks to get clearer directions. Circle the words that tell what the student needs to understand.

Planting Questions

- ① During science club, Ms. Lee showed the class how to plant bean seeds in cups. “First, fill each cup with soil,” she said. “Then make a hole and drop in one seed.”
- ② Ava raised her hand. “How deep should the hole be?” she asked. Ms. Lee held up a ruler. “Make it about one inch deep,” she explained. Ava wrote the number in her notebook.
- ③ Next, Ms. Lee said, “Water the soil, but do not make a puddle.” Ben looked at his dry cup. “How much water should I use?” he asked. “Use two spoonfuls,” Ms. Lee said. “Then wait and watch.”

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Ms. Lee says to make a hole. Write the question Ava asks to get more information.

2 Ms. Lee says to water the soil without making a puddle. Write the question Ben asks to get more information.

3 Choose Ava's or Ben's question. What does that question help the student understand?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Your partner says, "Add a little blue paint." Write one polite question to get clearer directions. Then write one sentence telling why you need to ask.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each question a student asks to get clearer directions. Circle the words that tell what the student needs to understand. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Ms. Lee says to make a hole. Write the question Ava asks to get more information.	How deep should the hole be?
2	Ms. Lee says to water the soil without making a puddle. Write the question Ben asks to get more information.	How much water should I use?
3	Choose Ava's or Ben's question. What does that question help the student understand?	Ava's question helps her understand how deep to make the hole. Ben's question helps him understand how much water to use.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Could you tell me how many drops of blue paint I should add? I need to know how much paint to use.

Accept questions that politely ask for a missing detail, such as an amount, number, size, place, or time. For the open task, accept a relevant clarification question and a sentence that explains the needed information.