

A Corner for Books

Read a model opinion and find its important parts.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.2.1 "Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells what the writer thinks the school should do.
Number the three reason sentences 1, 2, and 3, then circle these linking words:
because, Also, and also.

A Reading Corner

- ① The lunchroom is busy after students finish eating. Our school should add a quiet reading corner there. It would help because children could read while they wait for recess each day.
- ② Also, a reading corner could help students who need a calm break after lunch. The corner could have a small shelf, two chairs, and a basket for books to share.
- ③ A reading corner could also keep books close for students who forget one at home. For these reasons, the lunchroom reading corner would be a useful new space for us.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does the writer think the school should do?

2 Write two reasons the writer gives for adding a reading corner.

3 What sentence gives the writer's concluding statement?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one change you think your school should make. Write five sentences: name the change and state your opinion, give three reasons using because, Also, and also, and end with a concluding statement.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells what the writer thinks the school should do. Number the three reason sentences 1, 2, and 3, then circle these linking words: because, Also, and also. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the writer think the school should do?	The school should add a quiet reading corner in the lunchroom.
2	Write two reasons the writer gives for adding a reading corner.	It would let children read while they wait for recess, and it would help students who need a calm break after lunch. Accept the reason about keeping books close for students who forget one at home.
3	What sentence gives the writer's concluding statement?	For these reasons, the lunchroom reading corner would be a useful new space for us.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our school should have a class pet. I think this is a good idea because we could learn how to care for an animal. Also, feeding the pet would teach us to be responsible. Also, watching a small pet could make our room feel calm. For these reasons, a class pet would be helpful.

Accept equivalent answers to the passage questions. For Your Turn, accept a clear topic and opinion, three supporting reasons connected with the named linking words, and a concluding statement.