A Better Water Stop

Identify an opinion and the reasons that support it.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1 "Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the two sentences that state the writer's opinion. Underline the three sentences that begin with First, Second, or Third because each one gives a reason.

A Filling Station for School

1 I think our school should add a water bottle filling station near the gym. Many students bring reusable bottles to school. At lunchtime, the drinking fountains can have a long line. A filling station would give students another place to get water. This change could help students get water after running, playing, or practicing sports.

2 First, a filling station can fill a bottle faster than a regular fountain. Students would spend less time waiting during busy lunch periods. Second, it could help cut down on single-use plastic bottles. When students refill the bottles they already own, fewer empty bottles may end up in trash cans. Third, a station near the gym would be handy after sports practice.

3 Some people may say that the school already has drinking fountains. Those fountains are helpful, but a filling station would serve students with bottles more easily. It would also be useful during busy times near the gym. For these reasons, I believe our school should install a water bottle filling station. It would be a practical way to help students and reduce waste.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does the writer think the school should do?

2. What is the writer's first reason for adding a filling station?

3. How does the writer explain that a filling station could reduce plastic bottle waste?

4. Which reason is connected to the gym?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one change you think your school should make. Write five sentences: an opening opinion, three reasons that begin with First, Second, and Third, and a closing sentence that repeats your opinion.

ANSWER KEY # A Better Water Stop

GRADE 3 · W.3.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the two sentences that state the writer's opinion. Underline the three sentences that begin with First, Second, or Third because each one gives a reason. 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 install a water bottle filling station near the gym.**
2	What is the writer's first reason for adding a filling station?	**A filling station can fill a bottle faster than a regular fountain.**
3	How does the writer explain that a filling station could reduce plastic bottle waste?	**Students could refill bottles they already own, so fewer empty bottles may go into trash cans.**
4	Which reason is connected to the gym?	**A filling station near the gym would be handy after sports practice.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I think our school should add a quiet reading corner to the library. First, it would give students a calm place to read. Second, soft seats would make reading comfortable. Third, the corner could help students focus on their books. For these reasons, I believe the library should have a quiet reading corner.

For the writing task, accept a clear school-change opinion supported by three relevant reasons and a closing statement that repeats the opinion.