Make the Case

Read an opinion model and trace each reason to its support.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.4.1b "Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the writer's reasons for adding a filling station. Circle the facts or details that support each reason so you can see why the opinion is convincing.

A Filling Station for School

1. Our school should add a water-bottle filling station near the gym. It would give students a quick place to refill reusable bottles. Right now, the two hallway fountains have low spouts that are hard to use with tall bottles. At lunch and after recess, students often wait in line to get a drink. A filling station could reduce that wait.

2. The station would also help cut down on trash. Reusable bottles can be filled again and again, so students would need fewer single-use plastic bottles. The Environmental Protection Agency explains that recycling and reusing materials saves resources. In addition, a station with a digital counter can show how many plastic bottles have been avoided. That number could help classes track their waste-reduction goal.

3. Finally, the station could save time during sports practices. Players could refill bottles near the gym instead of walking across the building to a hallway fountain. Coaches have a limited practice period, and teams need water breaks. A nearby station would shorten each trip for water. It could also help students return to drills sooner, giving the team more practice time.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the writer's opinion about the school?

2. What is one reason the writer gives for adding a filling station? Write two details from the passage that support that reason.

3. How does the information about reusable bottles support the writer's reason about trash?

4. What two details support the reason that a filling station could save time during sports practices?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one improvement for your classroom. Write a four-sentence opinion paragraph that states your opinion, gives two reasons, and supports each reason with a fact or specific detail.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the writer's reasons for adding a filling station. Circle the facts or details that support each reason so you can see why the opinion is convincing. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the writer's opinion about the school?	**The school should add a water-bottle filling station near the gym.**
2	What is one reason the writer gives for adding a filling station? Write two details from the passage that support that reason.	**One reason is that it could reduce waiting for drinks. The hallway fountains have low spouts that are hard to use with tall bottles, and students often wait in line at lunch and after recess.**
3	How does the information about reusable bottles support the writer's reason about trash?	**Reusable bottles can be filled many times, so students would need fewer single-use plastic bottles.**
4	What two details support the reason that a filling station could save time during sports practices?	**Players would not need to walk across the building to a hallway fountain, and a nearby station would shorten each trip for water so students could return to drills sooner.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our classroom should have a pencil-sharpening station near the supply shelf. It would save learning time because students now walk across the room to sharpen broken pencils. It would also keep the floor safer because pencils and shavings would stay in one place. A small bin beside the sharpener would collect shavings instead of leaving them on desks or the floor.

Accept reasonable wording when students identify the opinion, a stated reason, and details that directly support it. For Part 3, accept a clear opinion with two reasons and relevant facts or specific details supporting both reasons.