Garden Details

Notice how exact words help a reader experience an event.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.4.3d "Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline six words or phrases that help you see, hear, smell, taste, or feel the garden event. Circle two details that make an object or action more exact.

A Morning Harvest

1. On Saturday morning, Maya stepped into the school garden with a wicker basket on her arm. Dew darkened the soil, and cool drops soaked the toes of her sneakers. Tomato vines leaned over the path, brushing her sleeves. When Maya lifted a red tomato, its smooth skin felt warm from the early sun above her.

2. She carried the tomato to a wooden table beside the tool shed. Her friend Luis sliced it with a small knife, and bright juice ran across the cutting board. Maya bit into a wedge. The tomato tasted sweet and tangy, with tiny seeds popping between her teeth. A bee buzzed near the purple bean flowers.

3. Before leaving, Maya filled her basket with carrots. She tugged each green top until the orange root slipped from the loose earth. Dirt clung to her fingers and rested in the carrot's thin lines. The basket grew heavy against her hip. As she walked home, the leafy tops rustled, and the fresh, earthy smell followed her down the sidewalk.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Copy one phrase that helps you feel the temperature or wetness in the first paragraph.

2. What words describe the tomato's taste?

3. Copy one detail that lets you hear a sound in the passage.

4. Which phrase tells exactly how Maya pulled the carrots from the ground?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly three sentences about a small event you experienced, such as making food, playing outside, or entering a room. Use concrete words and sensory details from at least two senses so the reader can picture the event.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · W.4.3d

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline six words or phrases that help you see, hear, smell, taste, or feel the garden event. Circle two details that make an object or action more exact. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy one phrase that helps you feel the temperature or wetness in the first paragraph.	**Possible answers: "cool drops soaked the toes of her sneakers" or "its smooth skin felt warm from the early sun."**
2	What words describe the tomato's taste?	**"sweet and tangy"**
3	Copy one detail that lets you hear a sound in the passage.	**Possible answers: "A bee buzzed," "tiny seeds popping between her teeth," or "the leafy tops rustled."**
4	Which phrase tells exactly how Maya pulled the carrots from the ground?	**"She tugged each green top until the orange root slipped from the loose earth."**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I pulled a tray of cinnamon rolls from the oven. Steam curled over the golden tops, and the sweet cinnamon smell filled the kitchen. The warm icing stuck to my fingertips as I placed a roll on a white plate.

For Part 3, accept three sentences about an event that include specific objects or actions and sensory details from at least two senses.