Finish the Argument

Read a model opinion and study how its ending connects to the claim.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.5.1d "Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that best concludes the writer's opinion. Circle the words that show the ending connects to the reasons in the passage.

A Better Way to Refill

1. Our school should install a water-bottle filling station near the gym. After running at recess or practicing in PE, students often wait in line for the single fountain. A filling station would let students refill bottles quickly. It could also reduce the number of plastic bottles tossed into trash cans. Clean, easy-to-find water would help students stay ready to learn.

2. Some people may worry that the station would cost too much. However, the school could seek a small grant or ask the parent group to help raise money. Many filling stations include a counter that shows how many disposable bottles have been saved. That feature could help students see how daily choices affect the school grounds and the wider community.

3. A water-bottle filling station is a practical change that would serve students every day. It would shorten fountain lines, make refilling easier, and cut plastic waste. For these reasons, adding a station near the gym would be a smart choice for our school. It would show that our school cares about students' health and the places we share.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which sentence in the last paragraph most clearly gives the writer's concluding statement? Copy it.

2. What words in the concluding statement show that the writer is connecting back to earlier reasons?

3. How does the concluding statement connect to the writer's opinion?

4. Name two benefits from earlier in the passage that support the conclusion.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence opinion paragraph about one improvement your school should make. State your opinion, give a reason, and make your final sentence a conclusion that connects back to your opinion and reason.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that best concludes the writer's opinion. Circle the words that show the ending connects to the reasons in the passage. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which sentence in the last paragraph most clearly gives the writer's concluding statement? Copy it.	**For these reasons, adding a station near the gym would be a smart choice for our school.**
2	What words in the concluding statement show that the writer is connecting back to earlier reasons?	**For these reasons**
3	How does the concluding statement connect to the writer's opinion?	**It repeats the opinion that the school should add a filling station near the gym and connects it to the reasons already given.**
4	Name two benefits from earlier in the passage that support the conclusion.	**Any two: it would shorten fountain lines, make refilling easier, reduce plastic waste, help students stay ready to learn, or help students see how choices affect the community.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our school should add a covered bike rack near the front entrance. It would keep bicycles drier during rain and make more students feel comfortable riding to school. For these reasons, a covered bike rack would be a useful improvement for our school.

Accept a concluding sentence that clearly returns to the student's opinion and reflects the reason given. The conclusion may restate the opinion in different words.