Seeds Wake Up

Notice how exact details build a clear moment.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.5.3d "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 words and phrases that tell what the narrator saw, heard, smelled, felt, or did. Circle the strongest action verbs to notice how concrete details make the event precise.

Planting Day

1. On Saturday morning, I carried a packet of sunflower seeds to the empty corner of our yard. The soil felt cool and crumbly between my fingers. I pushed a trowel into the ground, and its metal blade scraped against a small stone. A robin chirped from the fence while the sharp, earthy smell of dirt rose around me.

2. I dropped three seeds into each shallow hole and covered them with a thin blanket of soil. Water splashed from the green can, darkening the ground into muddy circles. By noon, the sun warmed the back of my neck. I checked the spot twice that day, hoping tiny green shoots would soon poke through the brown surface.

3. A week later, I hurried outside after breakfast. Near the fence, two curved stems stood above the soil, each holding round leaves like small green spoons. Dew beads trembled on the leaves and soaked my fingertip when I touched one. I called my sister to look, and we knelt beside the new plants, smiling at their bright, fresh color.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which two words tell how the soil felt? Which phrase tells how it smelled?

2. What did the narrator hear while planting? Copy the words that tell the sound.

3. Copy one phrase that precisely shows what the water did to the ground.

4. Which two details show that the narrator was pleased to see the plants growing?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly three sentences about stepping outside during a rainstorm. Use at least three sensory details and at least two precise action verbs.

ANSWER KEY # Seeds Wake Up

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words and phrases that tell what the narrator saw, heard, smelled, felt, or did. Circle the strongest action verbs to notice how concrete details make the event precise. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two words tell how the soil felt? Which phrase tells how it smelled?	**The soil felt "cool" and "crumbly." It smelled like "the sharp, earthy smell of dirt."**
2	What did the narrator hear while planting? Copy the words that tell the sound.	**"A robin chirped from the fence."**
3	Copy one phrase that precisely shows what the water did to the ground.	**"Water splashed from the green can, darkening the ground into muddy circles."**
4	Which two details show that the narrator was pleased to see the plants growing?	**The narrator called their sister to look, and they knelt beside the plants smiling at their bright, fresh color.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I stepped onto the porch, and cold raindrops tapped my cheeks. The wet sidewalk shone silver, while the air smelled like grass and damp leaves. I stretched out my hand and caught a drop that slid across my palm.

Accept correctly quoted or clearly identified sensory details and concrete actions from the passage. For the writing task, accept three connected sentences that include at least three sensory details and at least two precise action verbs.