

Garden Morning Details

Notice how specific language brings a small moment to life.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.3d "Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two precise action words, circle three sensory words or phrases, and number two descriptive details that help you picture the event clearly.

Tomatoes After Rain

- ① When I reached the community garden, rainwater still clung to the cedar fence. My boots pressed dark crescents into the soft soil, and the air smelled like wet leaves and peppery basil. Ms. Alvarez handed me a small tin bucket. "Pick only the ripe tomatoes," she said, pointing to the red fruit tucked beneath fuzzy vines. I gripped the cool handle and followed the narrow path between the beds carefully.
- ② I knelt beside a plant whose stems leaned under a cluster of tomatoes. One fruit slipped free with a quick twist, leaving a sharp green scent on my fingers. A bumblebee droned past my ear and vanished into a yellow marigold. I set each tomato in the bucket, listening to its gentle tap against the metal bottom. Soon, red, orange, and gold tomatoes filled the bucket like bright marbles after rain.
- ③ Near the gate, Ms. Alvarez showed me a tomato split by too much water. Instead of picking it, I left it for the compost bin. Then I carried my full bucket to the wash station, where cold water rushed over the smooth skins. The tomatoes gleamed in the morning light, and I felt a warm pride as I helped prepare them for the neighborhood table that same afternoon.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which phrase in paragraph 1 appeals to your sense of smell?

2 What does the phrase “slipped free with a quick twist” show about how the writer picked the tomato?

3 Find two details in paragraph 2 that help you picture the bucket becoming full.

4 Which word or phrase helps you hear the garden, and what sound does it describe?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly 3 sentences, 45 to 60 words total, about a task you completed indoors. Use at least one precise action word and at least two details that appeal to different senses.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two precise action words, circle three sensory words or phrases, and number two descriptive details that help you picture the event clearly. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which phrase in paragraph 1 appeals to your sense of smell?	"wet leaves and peppery basil"
2	What does the phrase "slipped free with a quick twist" show about how the writer picked the tomato?	The tomato came off the plant easily after the writer turned it.
3	Find two details in paragraph 2 that help you picture the bucket becoming full.	The writer sets each tomato in the bucket, and red, orange, and gold tomatoes fill it like bright marbles.
4	Which word or phrase helps you hear the garden, and what sound does it describe?	"A bumblebee droned" describes the low buzzing sound of a bumblebee.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the kitchen counter, I peeled the orange, and citrus oil misted my hands. The rough grater scraped lemon peel into the bowl while the mixer hummed beside me. I folded the bright zest into the batter, breathing in its sharp scent as the warm oven clicked on.

Accept reasonable answers that identify the quoted language or explain its effect accurately. For Part 3, check for exactly three sentences, 45 to 60 words, a precise action word, and sensory details from at least two different senses.