Garden Proof Hunt

Find the writer's opinion and the details that support it.

ELA.2.R.2.4 "Explain an author's opinion(s) and supporting evidence."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the two sentences that tell the author's opinion. Number three details that support the opinion.

A Garden at School

1. Our school should have a small garden near the playground. A garden would give students a peaceful place to look at plants and insects. It would also help us learn where some foods come from.

2. When children care for a garden, they can watch seeds sprout and leaves grow. They can measure a sunflower each week. They may taste vegetables, such as peas or lettuce, that grow in the garden.

3. A garden can also give bees and butterflies flowers to visit. Bees move pollen between flowers, which helps many plants make seeds. For these reasons, I believe a school garden is a smart choice.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the author's opinion about a school garden?

2. Write two details the author uses to support the opinion.

3. How does the detail about bees support the author's opinion?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about one change you think your school should make. In the first sentence, state your opinion. In the second sentence, give two reasons that support it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · ELA.2.R.2.4

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the two sentences that tell the author's opinion. Number three details that support the opinion. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the author's opinion about a school garden?	**The author thinks the school should have a garden.**
2	Write two details the author uses to support the opinion.	**Students can watch seeds sprout and leaves grow. Students can measure a sunflower each week.**
3	How does the detail about bees support the author's opinion?	**It shows that a garden helps bees and helps plants make seeds.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I think our school should put a water bottle filling station near the gym. Students can refill bottles after exercise, and refillable bottles can be used many times instead of thrown away.

Accept equivalent statements of the author's opinion and any accurate supporting details from the passage. For Part 3, accept a clear opinion plus two reasons that match the opinion.