Garden Mark Hunt

Notice how correct writing marks make ideas clear.

ELA.3.C.3 "Following Conventions"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the capital letter that begins each sentence, circle each ending mark, and box every apostrophe. These marks help writers make sentences clear and correct.

A Visit to the Garden

1 On Saturday, Maya and her brother Leo visited the community garden. A bright sign said, "Pick only ripe tomatoes." Maya carried a small basket, and Leo brought water for the thirsty plants. They saw bees, butterflies, and ladybugs near the flowers. "Which tomatoes are ready?" Leo asked. The garden smelled warm and earthy after the morning rain.

2 Mrs. Chen, the garden leader, showed them a row of peppers. "These green peppers aren't ready yet," she explained. "They'll turn red, yellow, or orange as they grow." Maya wrote the colors in her notebook. She didn't want to forget the lesson. Leo said, "Dad's soup would taste good with these peppers!" Mrs. Chen smiled at their careful notes.

3 Before leaving, Maya and Leo checked their basket. They had picked six tomatoes, but they left the green ones on the vines. "Let's wash these at home," Maya said. "We can make a salad for Mom, Dad, and Grandma." Leo grinned because the tomatoes were his favorite snack. The children thanked Mrs. Chen and walked home together.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Find the sentence in paragraph 1 that asks something. What ending mark does it use?

2. In the sentence that begins "Mrs. Chen," which capitalized word is the person's last name?

3. In paragraph 2, what two words does "They'll" stand for?

4. What punctuation separates red, yellow, and orange in paragraph 2?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three related sentences about a plant, animal, or place you know. Begin each sentence with a capital letter, use at least one comma and one apostrophe, and use at least two different ending marks.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · ELA.3.C.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the capital letter that begins each sentence, circle each ending mark, and box every apostrophe. These marks help writers make sentences clear and correct. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Find the sentence in paragraph 1 that asks something. What ending mark does it use?	**A question mark.**
2	In the sentence that begins "Mrs. Chen," which capitalized word is the person's last name?	**Chen.**
3	In paragraph 2, what two words does "They'll" stand for?	**They will.**
4	What punctuation separates red, yellow, and orange in paragraph 2?	**Commas.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Sunday, I visited my aunt's farm. Isn't the new calf soft? I watched it nibble grass.

Accept answers that correctly identify the question mark, Chen, they will, and commas. For the writing task, check for three related sentences with correct beginning capitals, at least one comma, at least one apostrophe, and two different ending marks.