

Garden Notes Script

Notice how clear cursive makes a reader's job easier.

ELA.4.C.1.1 "Demonstrate legible cursive writing skills."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every capital letter in the passage. Circle three places where two lowercase letters can be joined smoothly in cursive.

Lina's Garden Notebook

- ① On Saturday, Lina visited the community garden with her grandfather. She carried a small notebook and wrote in cursive as they walked. Her letters rested on the line, and each word had a clear space around it. When she wrote Garden Gate, she began both important words with tall capital letters. The page was easy for her grandfather to read.
- ② Near a row of beans, Lina paused to record what she saw. She formed the loop in her lowercase l gently, then connected it to the next letter without lifting her pencil too soon. Her lowercase g dipped below the line, while her t rose above it. She checked that no letters bumped into the words beside them. Careful size and spacing made her notes neat.
- ③ Before leaving, Lina labeled a sketch of a ladybug and wrote, "Six black spots." She slowed down for the capital S and kept the letters in spots joined in a smooth path. At home, she read her notebook aloud to her brother. He could tell where one word ended and the next began. Lina's clear cursive helped her share her garden observations.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Copy Garden Gate in cursive. Make both capital letters taller than the lowercase letters.

- 2 Copy the words Lina wrote beside her ladybug sketch in cursive. Leave a clear space between each word.

- 3 Copy the word garden from the last sentence in cursive. Form the lowercase g so it dips below the line.

- 4 Copy the sentence that tells what Lina's brother could tell. Keep the words clearly spaced.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two cursive sentences about something you might observe outside. Write 15 to 25 words total, begin each sentence with a capital letter, and include at least one word with g, j, y, p, or q.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every capital letter in the passage. Circle three places where two lowercase letters can be joined smoothly in cursive. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy Garden Gate in cursive. Make both capital letters taller than the lowercase letters.	Garden Gate, written legibly in cursive with capital G letters.
2	Copy the words Lina wrote beside her ladybug sketch in cursive. Leave a clear space between each word.	Six black spots.
3	Copy the word garden from the last sentence in cursive. Form the lowercase g so it dips below the line.	garden, written legibly in cursive with a descending g.
4	Copy the sentence that tells what Lina's brother could tell. Keep the words clearly spaced.	He could tell where one word ended and the next began.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I saw three bright butterflies near the flowers. My notebook kept my careful garden notes safe.

Accept legible cursive with recognizable letter shapes, clear word spacing, and letters placed appropriately on the line. For Part 3, accept any original two-sentence response with 15 to 25 words, two capital sentence beginnings, and at least one required descending-letter word.