

Garden Pen Trails

Use a model passage to practice clear, smooth cursive.

ELA.5.C.1.1 "Demonstrate fluent and legible cursive writing skills."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two complete sentences you could use for cursive-copying practice. Circle each capital letter that begins a sentence so you can notice clear letter starts.

Maya's Garden Notes

- ① On Saturday, Maya visited the community garden with her uncle. She carried a small notebook, a pencil, and a packet of seeds. Near the gate, she wrote the date in cursive: April 12. Her letters rested on the line, and each word had clear spaces. Then Maya copied the garden's name, Sunbeam Garden, across the top of a fresh page.
- ② At the bean bed, Maya paused to observe a striped butterfly on a purple flower. In her notebook, she wrote, "The butterfly opened and closed its wings." She slowed down for tricky joins between letters such as th and fl. The sentence stayed easy to read because the loops and tails did not crowd one another.
- ③ Before leaving, Maya added a final note beside her sketch: "Bees visited three yellow blooms today." She kept a steady pace instead of rushing. Her pencil moved smoothly from one letter to the next. When she finished, Maya reread every line. The page looked neat and was simple for her uncle to read aloud later.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Copy the date from the first paragraph in cursive. Make the capital letter and number shapes easy to read.

- 2 Copy the garden's name from the first paragraph in cursive. Use clear capital letters.

- 3 Copy Maya's butterfly sentence in cursive. Keep spaces between the words and keep the letters on the line.

- 4 Copy Maya's final garden note in cursive. Write at a steady pace so each letter is legible.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two original cursive sentences, 18 to 28 words total, about something you observed outdoors. Include one date, a capital letter at the start of each sentence, and clear spaces between words.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two complete sentences you could use for cursive-copying practice. Circle each capital letter that begins a sentence so you can notice clear letter starts. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy the date from the first paragraph in cursive. Make the capital letter and number shapes easy to read.	April 12
2	Copy the garden's name from the first paragraph in cursive. Use clear capital letters.	Sunbeam Garden
3	Copy Maya's butterfly sentence in cursive. Keep spaces between the words and keep the letters on the line.	The butterfly opened and closed its wings.
4	Copy Maya's final garden note in cursive. Write at a steady pace so each letter is legible.	Bees visited three yellow blooms today.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

August 6, I watched a robin hop beside the path. It searched through the soft grass for insects.

Accept the exact passage words or punctuation for Questions 1 through 4, written legibly in cursive. For the open task, accept two original sentences that meet the word count and include a date, clear capitals, readable letter formation, and spaces.