

Garden Location Clues

Use direction and position words to describe places.

SS.3.G.1 "The World in Spatial Terms"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each cardinal direction word and underline each phrase that tells where one place is compared with another. These clues show how words can describe location.

A Garden at Riverbend School

- ① At Riverbend School, the community garden is behind the gym. The garden has a gate on its south side. When students enter the gate, the tool shed is to the west. A long row of tomato plants grows east of the path. The compost bin sits north of the tomato plants, near a tall oak tree.
- ② People can use these words to tell a location without showing a picture. North, south, east, and west are cardinal directions. They give a place's position compared with another place. Words such as behind, near, and beside also show relative location. Relative location tells where something is by using another place or object as a reference.
- ③ On Saturday, Maya meets her cousin at the garden gate. They walk north to the compost bin, then turn east toward the oak tree. The tool shed is west of the path, so they do not go there. Maya says the garden is behind the gym and near the playground. Her directions help her cousin find the right place.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which cardinal direction is the tool shed from the path?

2 Where is the compost bin compared with the tomato plants?

3 What two places does Maya use to describe the garden's relative location?

4 How do Maya and her cousin travel from the gate to the oak tree?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a familiar place, such as your school or neighborhood. Write three sentences that describe where places are, using at least two cardinal direction words and one relative location phrase.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each cardinal direction word and underline each phrase that tells where one place is compared with another. These clues show how words can describe location. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which cardinal direction is the tool shed from the path?	The tool shed is west of the path.
2	Where is the compost bin compared with the tomato plants?	The compost bin is north of the tomato plants.
3	What two places does Maya use to describe the garden's relative location?	Maya says the garden is behind the gym and near the playground.
4	How do Maya and her cousin travel from the gate to the oak tree?	They walk north to the compost bin, then turn east toward the oak tree.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The library is east of the school office. The cafeteria is south of the library and near the playground. To get from the office to the cafeteria, I walk east, then south.

Accept accurate location descriptions that use at least two of north, south, east, or west and at least one phrase such as near, behind, beside, or next to. Student locations may vary.