Garden Word Hunt

Notice how exact words make a scene clear.

2.L.V.3.e "Use knowledge of word relationships and learned vocabulary words and phrases when making word choices in speaking and writing. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three words that give a clear picture of how an animal or thing moves. Circle two words that help you understand size, condition, or place.

Recess Garden Watch

1. Maya knelt beside the school garden during recess. She wanted to observe the insects near the purple flowers. A tiny bee buzzed from bloom to bloom, collecting nectar. Maya stayed still so the bee would not fly away.

2. Near the fence, an ant scurried across a dry leaf. It carried a crumb that looked huge beside its small body. Maya watched the ant hurry toward a crack in the soil, where it could find shelter.

3. A gust of wind shook the stems. One fragile petal dropped softly onto Maya's hand. She gently placed it on the ground and wrote, "The garden is busy, even when it seems quiet."

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Paragraph 2 uses the words scurried and hurry. What do both words tell about the ant?

2. Does huge mean tiny or very big? Use words from the passage to explain.

3. What does fragile mean in paragraph 3? Which detail helps you understand the word?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal near its home. Use at least one of these words: observe, shelter, or fragile, and use one exact movement word. Underline the vocabulary word and the movement word.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.L.V.3.e

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline three words that give a clear picture of how an animal or thing moves. Circle two words that help you understand size, condition, or place. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Paragraph 2 uses the words scurried and hurry. What do both words tell about the ant?	**The ant moved quickly.**
2	Does huge mean tiny or very big? Use words from the passage to explain.	**Huge means very big. The crumb looked huge beside the ant's small body.**
3	What does fragile mean in paragraph 3? Which detail helps you understand the word?	**Fragile means easy to damage or break. The petal dropped softly onto Maya's hand.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I observed a rabbit dart into its shelter. It moved quickly when it heard a hawk.

Accept reasonable explanations that connect scurried and hurry with quick movement, huge with large size, and fragile with being easy to damage. For the writing task, accept two related sentences with a correct vocabulary word, a specific movement word, and clear underlining.