

Helping Busy Bees

Notice how clear details support one main idea.

2.P.CP.2.a "Communicate clearly to present ideas, information, and texts. (I/C)"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that states the main idea. Then number three details that explain how to help bees.

A Home for Bees

- ① Bees need safe places to find food and rest. You can help bees by planting flowers in a sunny spot. Different flowers give bees nectar and pollen, which are foods bees collect.
- ② Choose flowers that bloom at different times of year. Crocuses can bloom in spring, and asters can bloom in fall. When one kind of flower stops blooming, another kind can give bees food.
- ③ Do not use sprays that can hurt insects near the flowers. Put a shallow dish of water outside with small stones in it. The stones give bees a place to stand while they drink.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What main idea does the writer present?

2 Which details in paragraph 2 make the flower plan clear?

3 How does paragraph 3 help the reader understand the main idea?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Present one idea for helping an animal in three sentences. In the first sentence, state your idea. In the next two sentences, give details that explain it.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that states the main idea. Then number three details that explain how to help bees. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What main idea does the writer present?	People can help bees by giving them food, water, and a safe place.
2	Which details in paragraph 2 make the flower plan clear?	Crocuses can bloom in spring, and asters can bloom in fall.
3	How does paragraph 3 help the reader understand the main idea?	It gives two more clear ways to help bees: avoid harmful sprays and provide water with stones.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Birds need clean places to drink. Put fresh water in a shallow bowl and wash the bowl often. Place the bowl near a bush so birds can rest nearby.

Accept a main idea that includes helping bees with food, water, or safety. For the open task, accept three clear sentences with one stated idea and two related details.