Seed Step Story

Follow text clues that explain a plant's growth.

2.P.EICC.2.c "Explain and learn concepts and processes by interpreting and constructing texts. (I/C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that tell the order of the plant's growth. Write 1 through 5 beside the stages in the order they happen.

From Seed to Sprout

1. A bean seed can grow into a new plant. First, the seed takes in water from the soil. Its outer coat softens and cracks. A tiny root begins to push down into the soil.

2. Next, the root grows longer and holds the young plant in place. The seed uses food stored inside it. Soon, a small shoot pushes up through the soil and reaches toward light.

3. Then, leaves open on the shoot. The leaves use sunlight, air, and water to make food for the plant. Finally, the plant grows taller and makes more leaves. It no longer needs food from the seed.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What happens right after the seed coat cracks?

2. Which two words in the last paragraph tell the order of events?

3. How do leaves change what the young plant can do?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-step how-to text that teaches how to do a simple task, such as washing your hands or packing a backpack. Use an order word in each sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words that tell the order of the plant's growth. Write 1 through 5 beside the stages in the order they happen. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What happens right after the seed coat cracks?	**A tiny root begins to push down into the soil.**
2	Which two words in the last paragraph tell the order of events?	**Then and Finally.**
3	How do leaves change what the young plant can do?	**The leaves make food from sunlight, air, and water, so the plant no longer needs food from the seed.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First, turn on warm water. Next, wet your hands. Then, rub soap over both hands for 20 seconds. Finally, rinse and dry your hands.

Accept answers that use the passage's sequence and explain that leaves make food for the plant. For Part 3, accept any clear four-step process with order words and actions in a sensible order.