Garden Opinion Clues

Find an opinion, reasons, and facts in a model text.

2.T.T.3.a "Identify and describe techniques used to craft opinion texts, including the author's opinion, supporting reasons, and facts. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the author's opinion, circle two reasons that support it, and number two facts. These parts show how the author tries to convince you.

A Garden for Our School

(1) Our school should build a small garden near the playground. A garden would give us a calm place to look at plants. I think students would enjoy caring for something living together.

(2) First, a garden can help us learn. We could measure stems and count seeds during science. Bees visit many flowers to collect nectar and pollen, so flowers in our garden could help us watch bees safely from a distance.

(3) Also, we could grow vegetables such as lettuce. Lettuce plants need sunlight and water to grow. Picking food we planted would make lunchtime feel special. For these reasons, I believe our school needs a garden.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does the author think the school should do?

2. What are two reasons the author gives for building a garden?

3. Write one fact the author uses in the text.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences that share your opinion about one change you want at school. Include your opinion, one reason, and one true fact.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the author's opinion, circle two reasons that support it, and number two facts. These parts show how the author tries to convince you. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the author think the school should do?	**The school should build a small garden near the playground.**
2	What are two reasons the author gives for building a garden?	**A garden can help students learn, and students could grow and pick vegetables.**
3	Write one fact the author uses in the text.	**Bees visit many flowers to collect nectar and pollen.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our class should put a bird feeder outside the window. Many birds eat seeds, and watching them would help us notice different birds.

Accept the stated opinion or the repeated opinion at the end. Accept other clearly supported reasons and either fact from the passage, as long as students identify them correctly.