Garden Voices

Notice how an opinion writer uses reasons and linking words.

2.T.T.3.c "Use knowledge of opinion techniques to create opinion pieces that introduce the topic, state an opinion about the topic, supply reasons to support the opinion with linking words (e.g., because, and, also), and provide a conclusion. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the writer's opinion, circle the linking words, number the two reasons 1 and 2, and draw a box around the concluding paragraph. These parts help you see how the writer builds an opinion piece.

A Butterfly Garden

(1) Our school should make a small butterfly garden by the playground. It would be a bright place to see butterflies and bees. I think students would enjoy watching the insects during recess.

(2) First, the garden could help butterflies find flowers because butterflies drink nectar from flowers. Students could plant seeds and water the plants. Also, we could learn which insects visit different kinds of flowers.

(3) For these reasons, I believe our school should build a butterfly garden. It would give insects food, and it would give students a peaceful place to look, learn, and care for living things.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the writer's opinion?

2. What reason does the writer give that uses the linking word because?

3. What conclusion does the writer give?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose something your school should have or do. Write a four-sentence opinion piece that states your opinion, gives two reasons using because and also, and ends with a conclusion.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.T.T.3.c

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the writer's opinion, circle the linking words, number the two reasons 1 and 2, and draw a box around the concluding paragraph. These parts help you see how the writer builds an opinion piece. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the writer's opinion?	**The writer thinks the school should build a butterfly garden.**
2	What reason does the writer give that uses the linking word because?	**The garden could help butterflies find flowers because butterflies drink nectar from flowers.**
3	What conclusion does the writer give?	**The writer concludes that the school should build a butterfly garden.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

School should have a game shelf for rainy recess. I think it would make rainy days more fun because students could play checkers or cards. Also, games can help classmates take turns. For these reasons, we should add a game shelf.

Accept answers that accurately paraphrase the opinion, reason, and conclusion from the passage. For the writing task, accept a clear topic and opinion, two supporting reasons with linking words, and a concluding sentence.