Garden Voices

Notice how a writer supports an opinion.

2.T.T.3 "Opinion Techniques: Identify and use opinion techniques to shape understanding."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the writer's opinion, number the two reasons 1 and 2, and circle the question that tries to persuade you.

A Garden for School

(1) School should have a small garden near the playground. A garden would make our school better. Students could see how plants grow, and the green leaves would make the yard look cheerful.

(2) First, a garden can help us learn. We could measure stems, draw insects, and watch seeds become plants. These real things are more interesting than only looking at pictures in a book.

(3) Also, a garden gives butterflies and bees a place to visit. I believe our class should ask the principal for one. Wouldn't it be wonderful to care for a garden together?

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does the writer think the school should have?

2. What are the writer's two reasons for wanting a garden?

3. How does the last question try to persuade the reader?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write four sentences about one change you want in your classroom. State your opinion, give one reason starting with First, give another reason starting with Also, and end with a question that persuades the reader.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the writer's opinion, number the two reasons 1 and 2, and circle the question that tries to persuade you. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the writer think the school should have?	**The school should have a small garden near the playground.**
2	What are the writer's two reasons for wanting a garden?	**A garden can help students learn, and it gives butterflies and bees a place to visit.**
3	How does the last question try to persuade the reader?	**It asks the reader to imagine how wonderful it would be to care for a garden together.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I think our class should have a quiet reading corner. First, it would give us a calm place to read. Also, soft pillows would help us feel comfortable. Wouldn't a reading corner make our room better?

Accept equivalent words for the writer's opinion and reasons. For Part 3, accept any clear opinion with two supporting reasons and a persuasive question.