

Garden Letter Paths

Practice smooth cursive connections inside meaningful words.

3.F.H.4.a "Practice forming cursive letters and connectors in words."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle every word that has the letter a followed by another letter. In each circled word, draw a small curved line from a to the next letter to show a cursive connector.

Class Garden Notes

- ① On Monday, Mia and Luis planted bean seeds in a sunny class garden. They pressed each seed into soft soil and gave it a small drink of water. A paper sign said, "Bean Patch." The children wrote the date beside the sign. They planned to look for tiny green shoots each morning and record what they saw.
- ② By Friday, the class saw pale roots below one seed and a curved stem above the soil. Leaves will help the young plant make food when they open in sunlight. Mia drew the stem, leaf, and root in her notebook. Luis used a ruler to make neat labels. Their chart had room for rain, clouds, and warm days.
- ③ At the end of the week, the garden looked calm after a light rain. The class will water only when the soil feels dry, because roots need air as well as water. On the next page, they will add a clean cursive caption under each drawing. Their notes will help them notice changes from day to day.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Find garden in paragraph 1. Write garden in cursive, then circle the connector from a to the next letter.

- 2 Find water in paragraph 1. Write water in cursive, then draw a connector from a to the next letter.

- 3 Find rain in paragraph 3. Write rain in cursive, then name the letter that connects after a.

- 4 Find plant in paragraph 2. Write plant in cursive. What are the first two letters you connect?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a two-sentence garden update in cursive using 12 to 18 words. Use at least two words with a followed by another letter, then underline those words and show each a connector.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle every word that has the letter a followed by another letter. In each circled word, draw a small curved line from a to the next letter to show a cursive connector. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Find garden in paragraph 1. Write garden in cursive, then circle the connector from a to the next letter.	Cursive garden, with the a-r connector circled.
2	Find water in paragraph 1. Write water in cursive, then draw a connector from a to the next letter.	Cursive water, with an a-t connector.
3	Find rain in paragraph 3. Write rain in cursive, then name the letter that connects after a.	Cursive rain; i connects after a.
4	Find plant in paragraph 2. Write plant in cursive. What are the first two letters you connect?	Cursive plant; p and l are the first connected letters.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Warm rain woke the small seeds. Green plants look tall and healthy today.

Accept any accurate two-sentence garden update with 12 to 18 words, written in cursive. Check that at least two words contain a followed by another letter and that the student shows the matching connectors.