

Space Makes Sense

Notice how clear spaces keep cursive words easy to read.

3.F.H.4.b "Use appropriate spacing between cursive words in a sentence."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB In each paragraph, choose one sentence and draw a tiny slash in every space between words. Count the spaces to notice how they keep words apart.

Mia's Garden Note

- ① On Tuesday, Mia visited the school garden before class. She carried a small watering can and a packet of seeds. The soil felt cool after a night of rain. Mia saw two bright ladybugs on a bean leaf. She wrote a note for her teacher, then placed the seeds in neat rows near the fence.
- ② During writing time, Mia used cursive to copy her garden note. She left a clear, even space after each word. Her words did not run together. When Mia finished, she reread each sentence slowly and carefully. Clear spaces helped her see where one word ended and the next word began. She could read it with ease.
- ③ At recess, Mia showed her note to her friend Leo. Leo could read the message without guessing. He pointed to the words, one at a time, and smiled. Mia noticed that spaces are tiny, but they do important work. Before putting the note in her folder, she checked that every word had room to stand apart.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Look at the first sentence in paragraph 1. How many spaces separate its words?

- 2 Write this sentence with a slash in each space: Her words did not run together.

- 3 Copy the sentence in paragraph 2 that begins, "Clear spaces." Keep one clear space between each word.

- 4 Look at the second sentence in paragraph 3. How many words does it have? How many spaces should be between those words?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two cursive sentences, 10 to 16 words total, about something you would do in a school garden. Leave a clear, even space between every word.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

In each paragraph, choose one sentence and draw a tiny slash in every space between words. Count the spaces to notice how they keep words apart. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Look at the first sentence in paragraph 1. How many spaces separate its words?	8 spaces
2	Write this sentence with a slash in each space: Her words did not run together.	Her / words / did / not / run / together.
3	Copy the sentence in paragraph 2 that begins, "Clear spaces." Keep one clear space between each word.	Clear spaces helped her see where one word ended and the next word began.
4	Look at the second sentence in paragraph 3. How many words does it have? How many spaces should be between those words?	7 words and 6 spaces

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would water the beans. Then I would pull weeds.

Accept slash marks that clearly show each space in question 2. For Your Turn, accept any two related cursive sentences with 10 to 16 total words and clear spacing between words.