

Follow the Flow

Study how a text guides a reader through its ideas.

3.P.AC.3.c "Apply knowledge of how mode and genre impact how ideas and information are structured and arranged in texts. (I/C)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3. Underline words that help you follow the ideas in order.

Make a Pebble Bird Bath

- ① On hot days, birds need water for drinking and bathing. You can make a small bird bath with a shallow plastic lid, smooth pebbles, and clean water. Ask an adult before you use a lid from a container. Pick a lid that is wide enough for a bird to stand in but not deep enough for it to get trapped.
- ② First, wash the lid and pebbles with soap and water. Rinse them well so no soap is left behind. Next, place the pebbles in the lid. They give birds a firm place to stand. Pour in just enough clean water to cover the bottom. The water should stay shallow, about as deep as the width of your thumb.
- ③ Set the bird bath on level ground where you can see it from a window. Keep it away from places where a cat could hide. Change the water every day, and scrub the lid when it looks dirty. In winter, bring the lid inside if water freezes. These care steps help keep the water safer for visiting birds.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What kind of text is this? Give one detail that shows how you know.

2 How is paragraph 1 arranged differently from paragraph 2?

3 Which two words in paragraph 2 signal the order of the actions?

4 Why does paragraph 3 come after the building steps?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-paragraph how-to text about a simple task, such as making a bookmark or organizing a desk. Arrange your ideas so the first paragraph introduces the task and needed things, the second gives steps in order, and the third tells how to use, check, or care for the finished result.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3. Underline words that help you follow the ideas in order. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What kind of text is this? Give one detail that shows how you know.	It is a how-to or directions text. It uses action words and order words such as "First" and "Next."
2	How is paragraph 1 arranged differently from paragraph 2?	Paragraph 1 introduces the bird bath and tells what is needed. Paragraph 2 gives steps for making it.
3	Which two words in paragraph 2 signal the order of the actions?	"First" and "Next."
4	Why does paragraph 3 come after the building steps?	It tells where to put the finished bird bath and how to care for it.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

You need a strip of paper, crayons, and scissors to make a bookmark. Ask an adult before using scissors. A bookmark saves your place in a book. First, cut a strip of paper. Next, draw pictures or write your name on it. Then color the bookmark. Slide the bookmark between pages when you stop reading. Keep it flat in your book so it does not bend.

Accept "directions," "procedural text," or "how-to text" for question 1 when the student gives passage evidence. For the open task, accept another logical three-paragraph topic if its ideas are arranged to match the requested purpose.