Clues in the Garden

Use story clues to predict and revise.

3.P.EICC.3.e "Make and track predictions about the events and information likely to come next. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one clue in each paragraph that helps you predict what will happen next, then write a short prediction in the margin after each paragraph.

The Dry Garden

1. On Saturday, Lena arrived at the community garden with a box of bean seeds. The garden club planned to plant them before noon. But the soil was dry and hard, and the water barrel was empty. Lena noticed dark clouds gathering above the library. She remembered that rainwater ran from the library roof into a large collection tank.

2. Lena hurried to the tank and found a spout near its bottom. She turned the handle, but only a few drops came out. Then she saw a twist in the long hose that led from the tank to the garden beds. Lena called her friend Omar, who was carrying a small hand shovel. Together, they pulled the hose straight.

3. Water rushed through the hose and soaked the hard soil. Lena and Omar planted the bean seeds in neat rows just before the first raindrops fell. The club leader thanked them for checking the problem instead of giving up. Lena looked at the cloudy sky and wondered whether the new beans would soon push green leaves above the ground.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. After paragraph 1, what is most likely to happen next? Use one detail from the paragraph to support your prediction.

2. At first, Lena may predict that water will flow from the spout. What new detail in paragraph 2 should make her change that prediction?

3. After paragraph 2, what is likely to happen when Lena and Omar pull the hose straight? Why?

4. What does Lena predict about the bean seeds at the end of the passage? Which detail supports her prediction?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly two sentences about what the garden club will likely do at its next meeting. In the first sentence, state your prediction. In the second sentence, give two clues from the passage that support it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.P.EICC.3.e

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one clue in each paragraph that helps you predict what will happen next, then write a short prediction in the margin after each paragraph. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	After paragraph 1, what is most likely to happen next? Use one detail from the paragraph to support your prediction.	**Lena will go to the rainwater collection tank to look for water because she remembers that rainwater from the library roof runs into it.**
2	At first, Lena may predict that water will flow from the spout. What new detail in paragraph 2 should make her change that prediction?	**She sees that the hose is twisted, so the twist may be stopping the water.**
3	After paragraph 2, what is likely to happen when Lena and Omar pull the hose straight? Why?	**Water will flow to the garden beds because the twisted hose was blocking it.**
4	What does Lena predict about the bean seeds at the end of the passage? Which detail supports her prediction?	**She predicts that green leaves will soon grow above the ground. The seeds were planted in soaked soil, and rain began to fall.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At its next meeting, the garden club will likely check the bean rows for new growth. The members planted seeds in wet soil, and rain began to fall.

Accept reasonable predictions that fit the story and use relevant clues. For Part 3, the student should include one prediction and two supporting details in exactly two sentences.