Garden Draft Detectives

Edit a garden journal draft for capitals and punctuation.

3.P.EICC.4.h "Edit the text, ensuring it adheres to the conventions of written language. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each word that needs a capital letter. Underline each place where punctuation needs to be added or changed, then label it C for capitalization or P for punctuation.

A Butterfly Garden

1. On Saturday, maya visited the community garden with her uncle. They planted milkweed, asters, and goldenrod near the fence. These plants give monarch butterflies places to lay eggs and drink nectar. Maya carried a small trowel, gloves, and a watering can. After planting, she said "I hope the butterflies find this garden soon" Her uncle smiled and nodded.

2. Monarch caterpillars eat milkweed leaves, but adult monarchs sip nectar from many flowers. A garden needs sunny spots, shallow water, and blooms that open at different times. maya's uncle placed smooth stones in a dish of water. Butterflies can land on the stones while they drink. He also hung a sign that read, "Please stay on the path" This helps protect the young plants.

3. Before they left, Maya checked the soil. It felt dry, so she poured water slowly around each plant's roots. Her uncle reminded her not to pull leaves from the milkweed. Caterpillars need those leaves for food. maya wrote three notes in her garden journal: "Water the plants," "Watch for eggs," and "Look for butterflies." At home she drew a picture of the new garden.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Rewrite the first sentence with the correct capital letter.

2. Rewrite Maya's spoken sentence in the first paragraph with the correct punctuation.

3. Rewrite the sentence about Maya's uncle placing stones with the correct capital letter.

4. What should the first two words of the sentence beginning with “maya wrote” be?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two connected sentences about caring for a plant. Use capitals and end marks correctly, include commas in a list, and use one possessive noun.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.P.EICC.4.h

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each word that needs a capital letter. Underline each place where punctuation needs to be added or changed, then label it C for capitalization or P for punctuation. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Rewrite the first sentence with the correct capital letter.	**On Saturday, Maya visited the community garden with her uncle.**
2	Rewrite Maya's spoken sentence in the first paragraph with the correct punctuation.	**After planting, she said, "I hope the butterflies find this garden soon."**
3	Rewrite the sentence about Maya's uncle placing stones with the correct capital letter.	**Maya's uncle placed smooth stones in a dish of water.**
4	What should the first two words of the sentence beginning with "maya wrote" be?	**Maya wrote**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Tuesday, I watered my neighbor's basil plant. I brought a cup, a spoon, and a small spray bottle.

Accept markings that identify the three lowercase uses of Maya and the two dialogue sentences needing punctuation. For the writing task, accept any two connected sentences that use the requested conventions correctly.