

Connected Garden Words

A model note for clear cursive word connections.

4.F.H.4.a "Form cursive letters and words legibly, using connectors between letters inside words."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the note. Underline six words with four or more letters that you can write as one connected cursive shape.

Maya's Garden Sign

- ① On Tuesday, Maya wrote a note for the school garden club. She used cursive because the club wanted a hand-lettered sign for its seed table. Maya began each sentence with a clear capital letter. Then she let her pencil move smoothly from one lowercase letter to the next. Her word "garden" looked like one connected shape, not separate printed letters.
- ② At the table, Maya practiced the word "sunflower" slowly. She started at the s and kept the letters joined until the final r. A small lift of the pencil was needed before she added the dot above i in "soil." She did not leave wide gaps between letters. Her careful strokes made the sign easy for visitors to read.
- ③ Before hanging the sign, Maya checked every word. In "plants," the p, l, a, n, t, and s touched in a flowing line. In "welcome," the letters stayed close, and the ending e was easy to see. Maya also checked her name at the bottom. A reader could follow each word without guessing where one letter ended and the next began.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Find "garden" in paragraph 1. Copy it in cursive, connecting the letters after the g.

- 2 Find "sunflower" in paragraph 2. Copy it in cursive, keeping the letters joined from s through r.

- 3 Copy "soil" in cursive. Add the dot above the i after you form the connected word.

- 4 Find "welcome" in paragraph 3. Copy it in cursive, keeping the letters close and the ending e clear.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a two-sentence label in cursive for a pretend nature display. Use 10 to 16 words total, include at least three words with four or more letters, and keep letters connected inside each word.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Read the note. Underline six words with four or more letters that you can write as one connected cursive shape. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Find "garden" in paragraph 1. Copy it in cursive, connecting the letters after the g.	garden written legibly in cursive, with g-a-r-d-e-n connected.
2	Find "sunflower" in paragraph 2. Copy it in cursive, keeping the letters joined from s through r.	sunflower written legibly in cursive as one connected word.
3	Copy "soil" in cursive. Add the dot above the i after you form the connected word.	soil written legibly in cursive with s-o-i-l connected and a dot above i.
4	Find "welcome" in paragraph 3. Copy it in cursive, keeping the letters close and the ending e clear.	welcome written legibly in cursive with connected letters and a clear final e.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Please visit our river exhibit. Notice the smooth stones and bright shells.

Accept any six underlined passage words that have four or more letters. For written responses, accept legible cursive with connectors inside words, allowing normal pencil lifts for dots, crosses, or other finishing marks.