

Garden Card Spacing

A model for clear cursive words on every line.

4.F.H.4.b "Use appropriate spacing between cursive words in a sentence across lines on a page."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Draw a short slash in every space between words inside quotation marks. Circle the quotation that Maya says continues onto a new line.

Maya's Garden Cards

- ① On Friday, Maya made labels for the school garden. She chose blue paper and a smooth pen. Before she wrote, Maya looked at the blank card and planned where each line would go. Her first line said, "Basil needs sun." She wrote each word in cursive, then left a small, even gap before the next word.
- ② Next, Maya added a longer note beneath the label. The note began on one line and continued on the next: "Water the plants after dry days." At the end of the first line, she did not squeeze the last two words together. On the new line, she began with "dry" and kept a clear space between "dry" and "days."
- ③ After checking the note, Maya copied it onto a second card. This time, she noticed that wide gaps can make a sentence hard to read too. She used finger-width spaces that looked alike from the beginning of each line to the end. When her cards were finished, the garden helpers could read the names and directions quickly.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 The first label reads "Basil needs sun." How many clear spaces belong between its three words?

2 Which two words does Maya keep separate on the new line?

3 What mistake does Maya avoid at the end of the first line?

4 How does Maya describe the spaces on her second card?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a two-sentence garden note in cursive. Let the first sentence continue onto the next line, and keep one clear, even space between every pair of words.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Draw a short slash in every space between words inside quotation marks. Circle the quotation that Maya says continues onto a new line. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	The first label reads "Basil needs sun." How many clear spaces belong between its three words?	2 spaces
2	Which two words does Maya keep separate on the new line?	dry and days
3	What mistake does Maya avoid at the end of the first line?	She does not squeeze the last two words together.
4	How does Maya describe the spaces on her second card?	They are finger-width spaces that look alike from the beginning to the end of each line.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Water the tomatoes after the soil feels dry. Pick the ripe ones on Friday.

Accept answers that identify the correct word spaces and explain that words should not be squeezed together or spread too far apart. For the writing task, check for two sentences, a first sentence that continues onto a new line, and clear, consistent spacing between words.