

Space Makes Sense

Read a cursive model for clear word spacing.

5.F.H.4.b "Use appropriate spacing throughout the body of a text when writing in cursive."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each blank space that comes after a period and before the next sentence. Notice how these spaces help the reader see where each sentence begins.

Maya's Garden Guide

- ① On Saturday, Maya made a small visitor guide for the school garden. She chose cursive because its joined letters gave the guide a smooth, welcoming look. Before she began, Maya practiced a line on scrap paper. She left a clear, even gap after each word, so a reader could see where one word ended and the next began.
- ② Next, Maya copied the guide slowly, keeping the spaces between words about the same width. She did not leave a giant blank after a short word or squeeze two long words together. At the end of each sentence, she used the usual space before starting the next sentence. Her careful spacing made the directions easier to read at a glance.
- ③ When Maya finished, she read the guide as if she were a first-time visitor. In one place, the words "water plants" looked too close, so she rewrote that line with a wider gap. In another place, she noticed a space that was too wide and fixed it. Then she placed the neat cursive guide beside the garden gate.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Count the spaces between words in the first sentence of paragraph 1. Write the number.

- 2 Copy the sentence in paragraph 2 that explains what Maya did after a sentence ended. Keep one clear space between each word.

- 3 Find the two-word example in paragraph 3. Write it in cursive, leaving a clear space between its words.

- 4 What were the two spacing fixes Maya made in paragraph 3?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-sentence cursive sign for a school garden, library, or playground. Write 25 to 35 words, and leave clear, even spaces between every word.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each blank space that comes after a period and before the next sentence. Notice how these spaces help the reader see where each sentence begins. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Count the spaces between words in the first sentence of paragraph 1. Write the number.	11
2	Copy the sentence in paragraph 2 that explains what Maya did after a sentence ended. Keep one clear space between each word.	At the end of each sentence, she used the usual space before starting the next sentence.
3	Find the two-word example in paragraph 3. Write it in cursive, leaving a clear space between its words.	water plants
4	What were the two spacing fixes Maya made in paragraph 3?	She made the gap wider between words that were too close, and she fixed a space that was too wide.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Please close the gate behind you. Walk on the path to protect the young plants. Use the watering can only with an adult nearby today.

Accept responses that use three complete sentences and contain 25 to 35 words. Check that the student leaves visible, consistent spaces between words throughout the writing.