Marks in the Woods

Use a map key and scale to read about natural places.

2.SS.2.1.a "showing that map elements such as key, legend, and scale show how the map represents natural objects or places;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the words **key** and **scale**. Underline the three mark meanings and the rule that tells what one inch means.

Mina's Woods Map

1. Mina made a map of the woods by her school. Her map is much smaller than the real woods. It shows a pond, a stream, and a hill. How can a reader tell what each mark means?

2. Mina added a key. In her key, a circle stands for the pond, a wavy line stands for the stream, and a triangle stands for the hill. These marks help a reader find places in the woods.

3. Mina added a scale, too. On her map, one inch stands for ten feet in the woods. The pond and hill are three inches apart on the map. The scale helps a reader tell how far apart real places are.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. If you see a wavy line on Mina's map, what place does it show?

2. Which mark would you look for to find the hill? How does the key help you know?

3. The pond and hill are three inches apart on Mina's map. How far apart are they in the woods? Use the scale to explain.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Draw a map with two natural objects or places you know or imagine. Use a different mark for each one, then add a key for both marks and a scale that tells what one inch means.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the words **key** and **scale**. Underline the three mark meanings and the rule that tells what one inch means. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If you see a wavy line on Mina's map, what place does it show?	**The stream.**
2	Which mark would you look for to find the hill? How does the key help you know?	**Look for a triangle. The key says a triangle stands for the hill.**
3	The pond and hill are three inches apart on Mina's map. How far apart are they in the woods? Use the scale to explain.	**They are 30 feet apart. Each inch stands for 10 feet, so three inches stand for 30 feet.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A tree is marked with a star, and a large rock is marked with a square. The key says star = tree and square = large rock. The scale says one inch = five feet.

For the marking job, accept underlines beneath each mark and its meaning, plus the one-inch scale rule. For the drawing, accept any two natural objects or places with distinct marks, a matching key, and a scale that gives a real-world distance for one inch.