Nature Meets Needs

Read how one family gets water, food, and shelter.

2.SS.2.3 "Describe how humans depend on the environment to meet their basic needs."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB In each paragraph, underline one thing from nature that helps Nia's family. Circle the basic need it helps meet: water, food, or shelter.

A Day in Nia's Town

1. In Nia's town, a river runs past the houses. Workers clean river water before it flows from kitchen taps. Nia fills a cup to drink. Her family depends on the river for water they can use safely.

2. Behind Nia's home, her grandfather grows beans in dark soil. Sunlight helps the bean plants grow, and water keeps them from drying out. At dinner, the family eats the beans. They depend on soil, sunlight, and water for food.

3. The roof over Nia's head is held up by wooden beams. The wood came from trees that grew in a forest. The beams help keep the house strong. Nia's family depends on trees for part of the shelter that keeps them dry.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does the river help Nia's family meet a basic need?

2. How do soil, sunlight, and water help Nia's family get food?

3. How do trees help Nia's family have shelter?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a place outside Nia's town. Write two sentences that name something people get from nature there and explain how it helps them get food, water, or shelter.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

In each paragraph, underline one thing from nature that helps Nia's family. Circle the basic need it helps meet: water, food, or shelter. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does the river help Nia's family meet a basic need?	**The river provides water that workers clean so the family can drink it.**
2	How do soil, sunlight, and water help Nia's family get food?	**They help the bean plants grow, and the family eats the beans.**
3	How do trees help Nia's family have shelter?	**Trees provide wood for beams that help keep the family's house strong.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In a place near the sea, people catch fish from the water. The fish give people food to eat.

For the marking job, accept a clear match in each paragraph, such as river and water, soil and food, and trees and shelter. For Your Turn, accept any accurate two-sentence example that names something from nature and explains how it meets a basic need.