Pumpkins to Market

Read how nature shapes work in a town.

2.SS.3.4 "Explain how natural resources affect economic activities in the local community."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two natural resources in the first paragraph, then circle the words that show how they help the farmer earn money.

A Town Grows Pumpkins

1. In Maple Town, a farmer grows pumpkins in rich soil beside a stream. The soil holds water that pumpkin plants need. The stream gives the farmer water when rain is scarce. These natural resources help the farmer grow food to sell.

2. Each fall, the farmer brings pumpkins to the town market. Neighbors pay for pumpkins to cook at home. A baker buys some too. The baker makes pumpkin muffins and sells them at a shop. Growing pumpkins creates work for both people.

3. One dry summer, the stream has very little water. The farmer can grow fewer pumpkins. With fewer pumpkins to buy, the baker makes fewer muffins to sell. The farmer and baker may earn less money when this natural resource is scarce.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does rich soil help the farmer earn money?

2. How does water from the stream help the baker sell muffins?

3. Why might the farmer and baker earn less money in a dry summer?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a natural resource not named in the passage. Write two sentences explaining how someone in your town could use it to make something or provide a service and earn money.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two natural resources in the first paragraph, then circle the words that show how they help the farmer earn money. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does rich soil help the farmer earn money?	**The soil holds water that helps pumpkins grow. The farmer sells the pumpkins.**
2	How does water from the stream help the baker sell muffins?	**The water helps the farmer grow pumpkins. The baker buys pumpkins to make muffins to sell.**
3	Why might the farmer and baker earn less money in a dry summer?	**Less stream water means fewer pumpkins grow. The farmer has fewer pumpkins to sell, and the baker has fewer pumpkins for muffins.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A carpenter can use wood from trees to make a chair. The carpenter can sell the chair to a neighbor for money.

For the marking job, accept soil and stream underlined and “grow food to sell” circled. For Your Turn, accept any accurate two-sentence example that names a different natural resource and explains how using it can lead to earning money.