Seeds on the Move

Find the main idea and the details that explain it.

2.RC.1 "Ask and answer questions about the main idea and key details in a text to demonstrate comprehension."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells what the whole passage is mostly about. Number one detail in each paragraph that shows how a seed travels, using 1, 2, and 3.

Seeds That Travel

1. Seeds can travel away from the plants that made them in different ways. A dandelion seed has a soft, fluffy top. Wind lifts the seed and carries it through the air. It may land far from the dandelion.

2. Some seeds ride on animals. A burr is a seed case with tiny hooks. It can catch on a dog's fur as the dog walks by. Later, the burr falls off in a new place, where its seeds may grow.

3. Other seeds cross water. A coconut has a seed inside a thick outer cover. The whole coconut can float in the sea for a long time. Waves may wash it onto a beach, where its seed can sprout.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the passage mostly about? Give one detail that supports your answer.

2. How does the dandelion example help explain the main idea?

3. How does the burr's ride on a dog help show the main idea?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a new question about how a coconut travels. Then answer your question using a detail from the passage.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells what the whole passage is mostly about. Number one detail in each paragraph that shows how a seed travels, using 1, 2, and 3. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the passage mostly about? Give one detail that supports your answer.	**Seeds travel away from their plants in different ways. Wind carries dandelion seeds through the air.**
2	How does the dandelion example help explain the main idea?	**It shows that wind can carry a seed away from its plant.**
3	How does the burr's ride on a dog help show the main idea?	**It shows that a seed can travel by catching on an animal's fur.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

How can a coconut reach a new beach? It can float in the sea until waves wash it onto the beach.

Accept main ideas that say seeds travel in different ways, with an accurate supporting detail. For Your Turn, accept any new question about the coconut's movement with an answer supported by the passage.