Busy Ant Jobs

Find each paragraph's topic and the idea that connects them.

2.RC.6 "Identify the main idea of a multiparagraph text and the topic of each paragraph."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, then circle the words that name each paragraph's topic. Underline the sentence that tells what the whole passage is mostly about.

Jobs in an Ant Colony

1. An ant colony is a group of ants living together. Ants do different jobs that help the colony. Some ants find food. When one finds a tasty bit, it may carry the food back to the nest.

2. Other ants care for the young. Baby ants are called larvae. Worker ants move the larvae to safe places in the nest. They also feed the larvae. This care helps the young ants grow.

3. Some ants help keep the nest safe. If danger comes near, ants may use their jaws to bite. They may also give off a smell that warns other ants. Working together helps the colony stay safe.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the topic of paragraph 2?

2. What is the topic of paragraph 3?

3. What is the main idea of the whole passage?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a fourth paragraph about an ant job not named in the passage. Write one sentence naming its topic and one sentence explaining how that job fits the passage's main idea.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RC.6

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, then circle the words that name each paragraph's topic. Underline the sentence that tells what the whole passage is mostly about. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the topic of paragraph 2?	**Ants caring for the young.**
2	What is the topic of paragraph 3?	**Ants keeping the nest safe.**
3	What is the main idea of the whole passage?	**Ants do different jobs that help their colony.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My new paragraph would be about ants digging tunnels. Digging tunnels is another job that helps the colony.

For the marking job, accept circles around "find food," "care for the young," and "keep the nest safe." Students should underline "Ants do different jobs that help the colony." Accept accurate paraphrases in the written answers.