Rain Garden Clues

Use headings and bold words to find information.

4.RC.6 "Apply knowledge of text features to locate information and gain meaning from a text (e.g., charts, tables, graphs, headings, subheadings, font/format)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the heading at the start of each paragraph, then underline the other bold words. Use these text features to help you find information.

Where Does the Rain Go?

1. **From Street to Garden** Rain falls on sidewalks and roads, which do not soak up much water. Instead, water flows over these hard surfaces. This moving water is called **runoff**. It can carry bits of dirt and litter toward storm drains. Some parks guide runoff into a rain garden before it reaches a drain. That gives the water another place to go.

2. **Built to Catch Rain** A rain garden is a shallow dip in the ground, not a pond that stays full. Plants grow in soil that lets water pass through. Their roots help make spaces in the soil. When rainwater soaks into the ground, the process is called **infiltration**. A layer of mulch helps protect the soil from washing away.

3. **After a Big Storm** Water may stand in a rain garden for a short time after rain. It slowly sinks into the soil. Plants also take up some of the water. During very heavy rain, the garden may fill up. Extra water can leave through an **overflow** path instead of spilling across nearby walkways. Rain gardens need care, such as removing litter that blocks water.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which heading helps you find where water from a road can go before it reaches a storm drain? Where can it go?

2. Find the bold word that means rainwater soaking into the ground. Write the word and tell which words in the paragraph helped you.

3. Which heading helps you find the shape of a rain garden? What shape does the text describe?

4. Which heading helps you find what happens when a rain garden fills up? What does the bold word in that paragraph name?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Add a new section about caring for a rain garden. Write a heading and two sentences. Underline one key word, and explain its meaning in your sentences.

ANSWER KEY

Rain Garden Clues

GRADE 4 · 4.RC.6

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the heading at the start of each paragraph, then underline the other bold words. Use these text features to help you find information. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which heading helps you find where water from a road can go before it reaches a storm drain? Where can it go?	**"From Street to Garden." The water can go into a rain garden.**
2	Find the bold word that means rainwater soaking into the ground. Write the word and tell which words in the paragraph helped you.	**Infiltration. The paragraph says, "When rainwater soaks into the ground, the process is called infiltration."**
3	Which heading helps you find the shape of a rain garden? What shape does the text describe?	**"Built to Catch Rain." A rain garden is a shallow dip in the ground.**
4	Which heading helps you find what happens when a rain garden fills up? What does the bold word in that paragraph name?	**"After a Big Storm." Overflow names the path extra water can take out of the garden.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Keeping the Entrance Clear

Neighbors pick up litter near a rain garden. They clear its inlet, the opening where rainwater enters, so water can flow in.

For Your Turn, accept an accurate care idea with a relevant heading, two sentences, and an underlined word whose meaning is clear from the writing.