Rain Garden Guide

See how formatting makes information easier to find

4.W.2.e "Include text features (e.g., formatting, photographs, maps) and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each heading, circle the italic word, and box each numbered step to see how formatting helps you find topics, a key word, and the order of events.

Where Does the Rain Go?

1. **A Garden That Catches Rain** A rain garden is a shallow dip in the ground filled with plants. It catches water that runs off roofs, sidewalks, or driveways during a storm. In an ordinary yard, fast-moving rainwater may carry dirt into a street drain. A rain garden gives some of that water a place to collect and soak into the soil.

2. **Follow the Water** Here is the water's path: (1) Rain falls on a roof. (2) A downspout carries it toward the garden. (3) Water gathers in the low spot, then sinks into the soil. This slow soaking is called *infiltration*, which means water moving into the ground. The soil and plant roots can trap some dirt carried by the water.

3. **Plants Do a Job** Gardeners choose plants that can handle both wet and dry days. Their roots help hold soil in place, so less soil washes away. After a storm, water may stand in the dip for a short time. The garden is designed to drain, not stay full like a pond. A nearby path may have fewer puddles when rainwater flows into the garden instead.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which heading helps you find where rainwater runs off from? Name one source listed there.

2. Which numbered step tells where water gathers? How do the numbers help you understand its path?

3. What does the italic word mean? Why is it useful to make this word stand out?

4. Which heading helps you find out why some plants work well in a rain garden? What does that section say?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write four sentences explaining how your class could keep a shared pencil supply organized. Add a bold heading, italicize and define one key term, and number two actions in the order they happen.

ANSWER KEY # Rain Garden Guide

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each heading, circle the italic word, and box each numbered step to see how formatting helps you find topics, a key word, and the order of events. 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 rainwater runs off from? Name one source listed there.	**"A Garden That Catches Rain." Rainwater runs off roofs, sidewalks, or driveways.**
2	Which numbered step tells where water gathers? How do the numbers help you understand its path?	**Step 3 says water gathers in the low spot. The numbers show the order in which water moves from the roof to the garden.**
3	What does the italic word mean? Why is it useful to make this word stand out?	**Infiltration means water moving into the ground. Italics help readers notice this key word and its definition.**
4	Which heading helps you find out why some plants work well in a rain garden? What does that section say?	**"Plants Do a Job." Gardeners choose plants that can handle both wet and dry days.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Ready Pencils A shared pencil cup helps everyone find a pencil quickly. A *sharpened* pencil has a point ready for writing. (1) Check each pencil before class starts. (2) Put sharpened pencils in one cup and dull pencils in another.

Accept accurate answers that identify the named feature and explain how it helps a reader. For Part 3, check for four informative sentences, a bold heading, a defined italic term, and two numbered actions in a sensible order.