Land Shapes Life

Compare how land and water affect two neighborhoods.

2.G.3 "Compare neighborhoods in the local community or region, and explain how physical features of the community affect people living there."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one land or water feature in each neighborhood. Circle an action people take because of each feature.

Two Neighborhoods in One Town

1. In our town, Creek Bend sits beside a creek on flat land. Hill Street sits on a steep hill. Both neighborhoods have homes and a small park. The land and water near each place shape what neighbors do.

2. At Creek Bend, people can ride bikes on the flat path by the creek. After a big rain, the creek may spill over its banks. Neighbors move their bikes and toys away from the low path.

3. At Hill Street, rain runs down the steep road, so neighbors walk carefully when it is wet. Kids like to look out from the top of the hill. Unlike Creek Bend, Hill Street has no flat path by a creek.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why do people at Creek Bend move their bikes and toys after a big rain?

2. How does the steep road affect people at Hill Street when it is wet?

3. How does the land shape an activity in each neighborhood?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a third neighborhood with many tall trees. Write two sentences: tell how the trees could affect people there, then compare that neighborhood with Creek Bend or Hill Street.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one land or water feature in each neighborhood. Circle an action people take because of each feature. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why do people at Creek Bend move their bikes and toys after a big rain?	**The creek may spill over its banks and cover the low path.**
2	How does the steep road affect people at Hill Street when it is wet?	**People walk carefully because rain runs down the steep road.**
3	How does the land shape an activity in each neighborhood?	**At Creek Bend, people ride bikes on a flat path. At Hill Street, kids look out from the top of the hill.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In Tree Lane, tall trees shade people as they play outside. Creek Bend's flat land makes biking easier, while Tree Lane's trees help people stay cool.

For the marking job, accept any feature paired with an action it affects. For Your Turn, accept a plausible effect of trees and a comparison to either neighborhood in the passage.