Planting an Opinion

Read a model opinion and notice how its ideas are ordered.

C.2.1.b "Introduce the topic, followed by opinion statement, and create an organizational structure."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that introduces the place, and circle the sentence that states the writer's opinion. Write 1 and 2 beside the two reason paragraphs to show their order.

A Garden for Our School

(1) Our school has a sunny patch beside the playground. I think our class should plant a small garden there. A garden would help us learn about plants and give us a place to enjoy fresh smells.

(2) First, we could plant beans and watch them grow. We would see green shoots push through the soil. We could count the new leaves each week. Watching real plants change would help us learn.

(3) Next, we could grow mint in the garden. Its leaves have a strong, fresh smell when we rub them gently. We could stop and smell the mint at recess. That would make the playground more fun.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What place does the writer introduce before giving an opinion?

2. What opinion comes right after the first sentence?

3. What are the writer's first and next reasons for planting a garden?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write four sentences about having a reading corner in your classroom. Introduce the topic, state your opinion, then give two reasons in order using First and Next.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · C.2.1.b

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that introduces the place, and circle the sentence that states the writer's opinion. Write 1 and 2 beside the two reason paragraphs to show their order. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What place does the writer introduce before giving an opinion?	**A sunny patch beside the school playground.**
2	What opinion comes right after the first sentence?	**The class should plant a small garden there.**
3	What are the writer's first and next reasons for planting a garden?	**First, watching beans grow would help the class learn about plants. Next, the class could enjoy the smell of mint.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our classroom has a space near the window. I think we should make it a reading corner. First, we could read there when we finish our work. Next, soft pillows would make reading feel cozy.

For the marking job, accept the first sentence as the introduction, the second as the opinion, and the second and third paragraphs numbered in order. For Your Turn, look for four sentences with a topic before the opinion, followed by two ordered reasons.