The Window Sprout

Read a garden story, then form its words in cursive.

HW.3.1 "Legibly form cursive letters, words and sentences with accepted norms."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that begins "By Friday," and circle its first letter and ending mark. Use those marks to plan a neat cursive copy.

Nia's Bean Cup

1. On Monday, Nia carried a paper cup to the class window. She filled it with soft soil and pressed three bean seeds into the top. Then she added a little water. A strip of tape on the cup showed her name. She set the cup where sunlight warmed the sill. Nothing green showed yet, but Nia checked it twice before lunch.

2. Each morning, Nia touched the soil with one finger. When it felt dry, she gave it a small sip of water. On Thursday, a pale green hook pushed through the soil. It was the first bean sprout. Nia leaned close but did not pull it. She knew the tiny plant needed time to grow taller near the warm window.

3. By Friday, two small leaves had opened above the cup. Nia drew their shape on a card and wrote the date below it. Her friend Max noticed that the leaves faced the window. They turned the cup to see if the leaves would turn, too. Over the next few days, Nia planned to check the plant and add a new drawing to her card.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Find the two words that describe the soil in paragraph 1. Write them in cursive, joining letters within each word and leaving a space.

2. Find the short sentence in paragraph 2 that names the new plant. Write it in cursive, with a capital and a period.

3. Find the three words in paragraph 3 that tell what opened above the cup. Write them in cursive with clear word spaces.

4. Find the sentence in paragraph 3 that begins “Her friend Max.” Write it in cursive, keeping the capitals and ending mark.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two cursive sentences about a plant you would grow in a cup. Name the plant in your first sentence and tell how you would care for it in your second sentence.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that begins “By Friday,” and circle its first letter and ending mark. Use those marks to plan a neat cursive copy. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Find the two words that describe the soil in paragraph 1. Write them in cursive, joining letters within each word and leaving a space.	**soft soil**
2	Find the short sentence in paragraph 2 that names the new plant. Write it in cursive, with a capital and a period.	**It was the first bean sprout.**
3	Find the three words in paragraph 3 that tell what opened above the cup. Write them in cursive with clear word spaces.	**two small leaves**
4	Find the sentence in paragraph 3 that begins “Her friend Max.” Write it in cursive, keeping the capitals and ending mark.	**Her friend Max noticed that the leaves faced the window.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would grow a pea plant named Pip in a cup. I would give Pip water and keep the cup near a sunny window.

Check that each response is legible cursive, with appropriate letter joins, word spaces, capitals, and ending marks. Accept any two original sentences for Part 3 that meet the prompt and follow those handwriting norms.