Garden Word Detectives

Edit a garden plan with a dictionary.

L.8.2.c "Demonstrate appropriate use of strategies and resources (print and electronic) to identify and correct spelling errors."

NAME _____ DATE _____

NEEDS A SPELLING FIX

The bold word is misspelled. Try a likely spelling, then verify it in a print or electronic dictionary before changing it.

The astronaut repaired her **equipmant**.

SPELLED CORRECTLY

The bold word is spelled correctly. If it looks unfamiliar, check it in a print or electronic dictionary before leaving it alone.

A distant **galaxy** appears in the photograph.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle FIX or KEEP for each bold word; for Part 2 PROVE IT, choose one item from each category and explain how you checked each word with a print or electronic dictionary.

1. We need **seperate** beds for herbs and flowers. FIX KEEP
2. A fence is **neccessary** to protect young plants. FIX KEEP
3. A **pollinator** can help flowers grow. FIX KEEP
4. We will **recieve** seeds from a local farm. FIX KEEP
5. Add **compost** to improve the soil. FIX KEEP
6. Plant a **perennial** that returns each year. FIX KEEP
7. The garden will improve our **enviroment**. FIX KEEP
8. We will **definately** need volunteers. FIX KEEP

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

For Part 3 MAKE YOUR OWN, write one new garden sentence with an underlined misspelled word for FIX and one with an underlined correctly spelled word for KEEP.

FIX _____

KEEP _____

CHALLENGE

A spell-checker did not flag the bold word in "The tools are over **their**." Rewrite the sentence correctly and explain how the sentence and a dictionary help you choose the right word.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	We need **seperate** beds for herbs and flowers.	**FIX**	The correct spelling is separate.
2	A fence is **neccessary** to protect young plants.	**FIX**	The correct spelling is necessary.
3	A **pollinator** can help flowers grow.	**KEEP**	Pollinator is spelled correctly.
4	We will **recieve** seeds from a local farm.	**FIX**	The correct spelling is receive.
5	Add **compost** to improve the soil.	**KEEP**	Compost is spelled correctly.
6	Plant a **perennial** that returns each year.	**KEEP**	Perennial is spelled correctly.
7	The garden will improve our **enviroment**.	**FIX**	The correct spelling is environment.
8	We will **definately** need volunteers.	**FIX**	The correct spelling is definitely.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **FIX**: We need a shovle to dig.
- **KEEP**: The vines climb a trellis.

Challenge: The tools are over there. “Their” shows ownership, but “there” names a place; the sentence needs a place word, which a dictionary can confirm.

Corrections: 1 separate, 2 necessary, 4 receive, 7 environment, 8 definitely. For Part 2, look for an explanation of how a dictionary confirmed the spelling of both a FIX word and a KEEP word.