The Little Shoot

Read to find out how Leo protects a new plant.

RF.2.4.a "Read a variety of grade-level texts (including but not limited to decodables) with purpose and understanding."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read to find out how Leo keeps the shoot safe. Underline the sentence that tells what Leo and his teacher put over it.

A Safe Place to Grow

1. On Monday, Leo planted a bean seed near the school fence. Each day, he checked the soil. The next week, a small green shoot poked up. Leo saw that balls from the playground often rolled close to it.

2. At recess, a ball rolled through a gap in the fence and stopped beside the shoot. Leo picked up the ball and looked at the thin stem. He wanted to keep the new plant safe, but he could not move it.

3. Leo asked his teacher for help. Together, they set a wire basket over the shoot. Its gaps let in light and rain. The next day, a ball rolled against the basket, but the little shoot stood tall.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What was Leo trying to protect, and why did it need protection?

2. Why was a wire basket a useful choice for the shoot?

3. How do you know Leo's plan worked?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine you planted a flower where people walk. Write two sentences about a way to protect it that is different from Leo's way. Tell why your idea would work.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read to find out how Leo keeps the shoot safe. Underline the sentence that tells what Leo and his teacher put over it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What was Leo trying to protect, and why did it need protection?	**He was protecting the new shoot because playground balls rolled close to it.**
2	Why was a wire basket a useful choice for the shoot?	**It could stop a ball while its gaps let light and rain reach the shoot.**
3	How do you know Leo's plan worked?	**A ball rolled against the basket, and the shoot was still standing.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would put a small sign beside my flower that says, "Please walk around." People would see the sign and know where to step.

For the marking job, students should underline the sentence beginning "Together, they set a wire basket." Accept answers to the questions that use accurate details from the passage.