Seeds on the Move

Use words and a table to understand how seeds travel.

RI.2.7 "Identify information gained from visuals and words in the text and explain how that information contributes to understanding of the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one sentence that tells why seeds travel away from a parent plant. Circle the way each seed travels in the table.

How Seeds Find New Places

1. Seeds can grow into new plants, but they cannot walk to a new home. A seed that lands far from its parent plant may have more room to grow. It may get more sunlight and water, too. Seeds have different ways to take a trip.

2. Some seeds are so light that moving air can lift them. A breeze may carry one over a fence or across a field. Other seeds have tiny hooks. When an animal brushes past, the hooks catch on its fur. The seed can fall off later in a new place.

3. Water can carry seeds, too. Some seeds float as they drift away from the plant that made them. A seed might wash up on a muddy bank. If it has enough light, water, and room, it may begin to grow. The table shows how three kinds of seeds travel.

HOW THREE SEEDS TRAVEL

Seed	Travels by
Dandelion	Wind
Burdock	Animal fur
Lotus	Water

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. The table says dandelion seeds travel by wind. What does the passage tell you about how wind can carry a seed?

2. The table says burdock seeds travel on animal fur. What does the passage tell you about how a seed gets onto the fur?

3. The table says lotus seeds travel by water. Why might traveling away from the parent plant help a lotus seed?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose two seeds from the table. Draw a place each might land after its trip, then write two sentences telling how the table and passage helped you plan your drawing.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one sentence that tells why seeds travel away from a parent plant. Circle the way each seed travels in the table. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	The table says dandelion seeds travel by wind. What does the passage tell you about how wind can carry a seed?	**Moving air can lift a light seed and carry it to a new place.**
2	The table says burdock seeds travel on animal fur. What does the passage tell you about how a seed gets onto the fur?	**Tiny hooks catch on the fur when an animal brushes past.**
3	The table says lotus seeds travel by water. Why might traveling away from the parent plant help a lotus seed?	**It may land where it has more room, sunlight, and water to grow.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Drawing: A dandelion seed lands in a sunny yard, and a burdock seed lands beside a path. Sentences: The table says dandelion seeds ride the wind, and the passage says a breeze can carry a light seed to a new place. The table says burdock seeds ride on fur, and the passage says hooked seeds stick to an animal.

Accept any two seeds with landing places that fit their travel methods. The two written sentences should use information from both the table and the passage to explain the drawing.