A Prickly Ride

Find answers in a nature text.

RI.2.1 "Ask and answer questions such as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key ideas in a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that tell how a burr gets on the dog. Circle the words that tell why a ride can help the seeds.

A Burr Takes a Ride

1. On a sunny path, a dog brushes past a burdock plant. Small, round burrs cling to its fur. Each burr holds seeds and has tiny hooks on the outside. The dog carries them as it walks.

2. Later, the dog stops to scratch near a fence. One burr drops onto the ground. Other burrs may fall off when the dog runs through tall grass. The dog does not know it is giving the seeds a ride.

3. If a burr falls in a good spot, its seeds may sprout. A seed needs water, air, and the right warmth to grow. A ride can move seeds away from the parent plant, where new plants may have more room.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does a burr get on the dog?

2. What happens to one burr when the dog stops to scratch?

3. Why can a ride help the seeds?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a new where question about the dog's trip. Then answer it using a place named in the passage.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words that tell how a burr gets on the dog. Circle the words that tell why a ride can help the seeds. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does a burr get on the dog?	**The dog brushes past the plant, and the burr's tiny hooks catch on its fur.**
2	What happens to one burr when the dog stops to scratch?	**It drops onto the ground.**
3	Why can a ride help the seeds?	**The ride can move them away from the parent plant, where new plants may have more room.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Where does the dog stop to scratch? The dog stops near a fence.

Accept a where question and an answer supported by a place in the passage. For the marks, look for the dog brushing the plant and the hooks catching on fur, plus the idea that new plants may have more room away from the parent plant.