Seeds on the Move

Read two texts about how plants spread seeds.

RI.2.9 "Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline how dandelion seeds and seed-carrying burdock burrs travel. Circle the part of each seed or burr that helps it move.

Two Ways Seeds Travel

1. **Text 1: Dandelions.** A dandelion makes seeds with fluffy tops. Wind catches the tops and lifts the seeds into the air. They can land far from the parent plant. If a seed lands in a good place, a new dandelion can grow.

2. **Text 2: Burdock.** Burdock makes seeds inside small, round burrs. Each burr has tiny hooks on the outside. When an animal brushes past, the hooks catch on its fur. The animal carries the burr away from the parent plant.

3. After a while, a burr may fall off the animal. The seeds inside can reach the ground. If a seed lands in a good place, a new burdock plant can grow. Burrs can also catch on people's socks.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What can happen to a seed from either plant if it lands in a good place?

2. How does each plant send its seeds away from the parent plant?

3. How are the fluffy tops and the burr's hooks different in the way they help seeds move?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a windy day with no animals or people nearby. Write two sentences explaining which plant could still send its seeds away and why the other plant might need to wait. Use a detail from each text.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline how dandelion seeds and seed-carrying burdock burrs travel. Circle the part of each seed or burr that helps it move. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What can happen to a seed from either plant if it lands in a good place?	**It can grow into a new plant.**
2	How does each plant send its seeds away from the parent plant?	**Wind carries dandelion seeds. Animals carry burdock burrs with seeds inside.**
3	How are the fluffy tops and the burr's hooks different in the way they help seeds move?	**The fluffy tops catch the wind. The hooks catch on an animal's fur.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Dandelion seeds could travel because the wind catches their fluffy tops. Burdock might need to wait because its burrs need to catch on fur or socks to be carried away.

For the marking job, accept underlining that shows wind carrying dandelion seeds and an animal carrying burdock burrs. Students should circle the dandelion seeds' fluffy tops and the burrs' hooks.