Garden From Earth

Read how Earth materials help make a garden.

E.2.10.3 "Use informational text and other media to summarize and communicate how Earth materials are used (e.g., soil and water to grow plants; rocks to make roads, walls, or buildings; or sand to make glass)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each Earth material. Circle what people use each material to grow or make.

The Library Garden

1. Behind the library, a small garden is full of herbs. The gardeners put soil in raised beds and plant seeds in it. They add water when the soil feels dry. The seeds grow into herbs that neighbors can pick.

2. A path runs between the garden beds. Workers use small rocks to make the path. They press the rocks down to make a firm place to walk. Now visitors can reach the herbs without stepping on the plants.

3. Next to the garden is a little shed. Sand is heated until it melts, then made into glass for the shed window. The glass lets sunlight inside and keeps out the wind. Earth materials help make this garden useful.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do soil and water help people grow herbs?

2. How do rocks make the garden easier to visit?

3. How does sand become something useful at the shed?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a new place for your town, such as a dog park or a bus stop. Write two sentences explaining how two Earth materials from the passage could help people use that place.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each Earth material. Circle what people use each material to grow or make. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do soil and water help people grow herbs?	**Gardeners plant seeds in soil and add water so the seeds can grow into herbs.**
2	How do rocks make the garden easier to visit?	**Workers press small rocks into a firm path so visitors can reach the herbs without stepping on plants.**
3	How does sand become something useful at the shed?	**Sand is heated until it melts and made into glass for a window. The window lets sunlight in and keeps wind out.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At a bus stop, rocks could make a firm path for people to walk on. Sand could be made into glass for a window that blocks the wind.

For the marking job, look for soil, water, rocks, and sand underlined, with herbs, path, and glass or window circled. For Your Turn, accept any new place and two accurate uses of Earth materials from the passage.