Window to Stars

Read, mark, and compare stars in the sky

E.2.8.1 "Recognize that there are many stars that can be observed in the night sky and the Sun is the Earth's closest star."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells what many lights in the night sky are, and circle the sentence that tells which star is closest to Earth.

Maya Looks at the Sky

1. On a clear night, Maya looks out her window. She sees many tiny points of light across the dark sky. Most of those points are stars. Some look bright, and some look faint. The stars are very far from Earth.

2. The Sun is a star, too. It lights up the sky during the day. The Sun is much closer to Earth than any other star. That is why the Sun looks so much bigger and brighter than the stars Maya sees at night.

3. At night, Maya cannot see the Sun in her sky. She can still see many other stars on a clear night. She wonders how many there are beyond the ones she can see. The Sun is just one star among many.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Maya sees many points of light in the night sky. What are most of them?

2. Maya's friend says the Sun is not a star. What does the passage tell you?

3. Which is closer to Earth, the Sun or the stars Maya sees at night? How do you know?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Draw what you might see through a window during the day and through the same window at night. Show the Sun and many other stars where they belong, then write one sentence telling which star is closest to Earth.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells what many lights in the night sky are, and circle the sentence that tells which star is closest to Earth. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Maya sees many points of light in the night sky. What are most of them?	**Most are stars.**
2	Maya's friend says the Sun is not a star. What does the passage tell you?	**The Sun is a star.**
3	Which is closer to Earth, the Sun or the stars Maya sees at night? How do you know?	**The Sun is closer. The passage says it is closer to Earth than any other star.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Day panel: a tree and the Sun. Night panel: the same tree and many stars. The Sun is the closest star to Earth.

Accept any day and night window views with the Sun in the day panel and multiple stars in the night panel. The sentence must identify the Sun as Earth's closest star.