

Points and Proof

Find the reasons that support an author's points.

2R8 "Explain how specific points the author or illustrator makes in a text are supported by relevant reasons. (RI&RL)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each point the author makes. Underline the reason or reasons that tell why each point makes sense.

Plant Shade Trees

- ① Our school should plant shade trees. At recess, the sun can feel hot on the blacktop. Trees make shade, so children could rest or read outside without sitting in the brightest sun.
- ② Shade trees can help keep the playground cleaner after rain. Tree roots hold soil in place. When rain falls, less loose dirt washes onto the blacktop and makes muddy puddles.
- ③ Planting shade trees may help the school use less electricity. On sunny days, trees shade walls and windows. Cooler rooms may need less air conditioning, which uses electricity at school.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What point does the author make in paragraph 1? Write one reason that supports it.

2 How do tree roots support the point that shade trees can keep the playground cleaner after rain?

3 What point is supported by the reasons about shade on walls and windows and cooler rooms?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write one point about something your school should have or do. Add two reasons that support your point.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each point the author makes. Underline the reason or reasons that tell why each point makes sense. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What point does the author make in paragraph 1? Write one reason that supports it.	The author says the school should plant shade trees. Trees make shade, so children can rest or read outside away from the brightest sun.
2	How do tree roots support the point that shade trees can keep the playground cleaner after rain?	Roots hold soil in place, so less loose dirt washes onto the blacktop and makes muddy puddles.
3	What point is supported by the reasons about shade on walls and windows and cooler rooms?	Planting shade trees may help the school use less electricity.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our school should add a water bottle refill station. Students could easily refill their bottles. It could also reduce the number of plastic bottles thrown away.

Accept any clear school-related point with two reasons that directly support it. Reasons should explain why the point makes sense, not simply repeat the point.