

Ask to Learn

Use questions to understand ideas in a class talk.

2SL1.c “Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about topics and texts under discussion.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the three questions the children ask Ms. Lee. These questions help them understand a word or ask for more explanation.

Helping Bean Plants

- ① Ms. Lee told the class that their bean plants needed support. Omar raised his hand. “What does support mean for a plant?” he asked. Ms. Lee said, “It means something that helps the tall stem stay up.”
- ② Then Ms. Lee said, “We will tie each stem gently to a stake.” Priya looked at the stake. She asked, “Can you explain what a stake is?” Ms. Lee answered, “It is a straight stick placed in the soil.”
- ③ After that, Diego asked, “Why must the tie be gentle?” Ms. Lee explained, “A tight tie can press on the stem as it grows.” Diego nodded. The class used soft strips of cloth, leaving room around each stem.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which question helped Omar understand the word *support*?

2 What did Priya ask Ms. Lee to explain?

3 What question did Diego ask to get more information about the tie?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

A class visitor says, "A seed needs moisture to sprout." Write two questions you could ask. Ask what *moisture* means, then ask for more information about why a seed needs it.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the three questions the children ask Ms. Lee. These questions help them understand a word or ask for more explanation. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which question helped Omar understand the word <i>support</i> ?	"What does support mean for a plant?"
2	What did Priya ask Ms. Lee to explain?	She asked what a stake is.
3	What question did Diego ask to get more information about the tie?	"Why must the tie be gentle?"

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

What does moisture mean? Can you explain why a seed needs moisture to sprout?

Accept the quoted questions or accurate paraphrases for Parts 1 and 2. For Your Turn, accept two polite, relevant questions, one asking for the meaning of moisture and one asking for further explanation about why seeds need it.