

Fish Tank Case

Find a claim, reasons, and evidence in a model argument.

2W1 "Write an opinion about a topic or personal experience, using clear reasons and relevant evidence. Please note: Students in 2nd grade should understand the difference between opinions and arguments and begin to learn how to write arguments..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the writer's claim. Circle each reason, then write 1 and 2 beside two details that give evidence for the reasons.

A Fish Tank for Our Room

- ① Our classroom should have a fish tank. A fish tank would make our room a better place to learn. Watching fish swim could help us feel calm when work feels hard.
- ② Last week, I watched the goldfish in the library during reading time. I felt quieter and finished my page. Other children sat quietly near the tank too for a while.
- ③ A fish tank could also teach us to care for living things. We could take turns feeding the fish and checking the water. Our class already takes turns watering the windowsill plants each Friday.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What is the writer's claim?

2 What is one reason the writer gives for having a fish tank?

3 Write one detail from the passage that is evidence for a reason.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one change that would make your classroom or school better. Write 3 sentences: state your claim, then give two reasons with a detail that supports each reason.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the writer's claim. Circle each reason, then write 1 and 2 beside two details that give evidence for the reasons. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the writer's claim?	The classroom should have a fish tank.
2	What is one reason the writer gives for having a fish tank?	A fish tank could help students feel calm, or it could teach students to care for living things.
3	Write one detail from the passage that is evidence for a reason.	Answers may include: The writer felt quieter and finished a page after watching library goldfish; other children sat quietly near the tank; the class already takes turns watering plants.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The playground should have a shade sail. At recess, the sun makes the slide hot, so shade would help children play safely. We often sit under one small tree, so the sail would give more children a cool place.

Accept a clear school or classroom claim and two reasons. Each reason should include a relevant detail, such as something the student has seen, done, or knows from school.