

Seeds and Stories

Respond to a story with an opinion and story details.

2W4 "Create a response to a text, author, theme or personal experience (e.g., poem, play, story, art work, or other)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that show a character keeps trying. Use the details to help you write your response to the story.

The Tiny Garden

- ① Lila carried a jar of bean seeds to school. At recess, the wind tipped the jar, and seeds rolled across the hard playground. Her partner, Omar, frowned because their class garden was due on Friday.
- ② Lila and Omar searched under the slide and beside the fence. They found only six seeds. "Six can grow," Lila said. She used a stick to make six small holes in a patch of soil.
- ③ On Friday, green shoots stood in a paper cup by the window. Omar smiled at Lila. "You did not quit when our plan changed," he said. Lila smiled too, but she pointed to both of their names.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 What is your opinion of Lila as a garden partner? Write your opinion and one detail from the story.

- 2 What lesson can a reader learn from this story? Tell about one event that supports your idea.

- 3 Which ending detail makes you feel happy or proud? Explain why.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-sentence note to Omar about the story. Tell what he did well, what Lila did well, and what they could remember next time.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two details that show a character keeps trying. Use the details to help you write your response to the story. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is your opinion of Lila as a garden partner? Write your opinion and one detail from the story.	Answers vary. Example: Lila is a determined garden partner because she searches for seeds and plants the six they find.
2	What lesson can a reader learn from this story? Tell about one event that supports your idea.	Answers vary. Example: Do not quit when a plan changes. Lila plants the six seeds after most of the seeds are lost.
3	Which ending detail makes you feel happy or proud? Explain why.	Answers vary. Example: Lila points to both names, which shows that she sees the garden as teamwork.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Omar, you helped Lila look for the seeds and shared the garden with her. I think Lila was brave because she kept planting after many seeds were lost. Next time, you can carry the jar together.

Accept different opinions, feelings, and lessons when students support them with accurate details from the story. For the note, accept three sentences that address Omar, name strengths for both partners, and give a sensible idea for next time.