

Seeds Before Sunrise

Use details to explain events and make logical inferences.

5R1 "Locate and refer to relevant details and evidence when explaining what a text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences. (RI&RL)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that clearly tell what happens. Circle two details that help you infer Maya's reasons or feelings, and number the circles 1 and 2.

A Quiet Garden Visit

- ① On Thursday, Maya arrived at the community garden before sunrise. The gate was still locked, so she waited beside the tool shed with a paper bag tucked under her coat. When Mr. Ortiz opened the gate, Maya hurried past the empty planting beds and knelt beside the birdbath. She scattered sunflower seeds across the frozen ground, then stepped behind a cedar hedge.
- ② Soon, two chickadees fluttered down. Maya held her breath as they pecked at the seeds, but a sharp wind rattled the hedge. The birds flew into a pine tree, and Maya looked toward the street. A delivery truck was backing into the nearby library lot. Its engine growled, and its white lights swept across the garden fence.
- ③ Maya stayed hidden until the truck rolled away. Then she noticed one chickadee return to the birdbath. It picked up a seed and carried it to the pine tree instead of eating it. Maya smiled, placed the empty bag in her pocket, and walked home slowly. The next morning, she brought a larger bag of seeds.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Why did Maya wait beside the tool shed? Use a detail from the passage in your answer.

2 What caused the chickadees to fly into the pine tree? Cite the detail that supports your answer.

3 Why did Maya step behind the cedar hedge? Make an inference and use two details to support it.

4 What can you infer Maya will probably do after this visit? Use evidence from the last paragraph.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a 3- or 4-sentence scene about a person helping an animal. Do not state that the person is caring. Include at least two details that let a reader infer it.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two details that clearly tell what happens. Circle two details that help you infer Maya's reasons or feelings, and number the circles 1 and 2. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did Maya wait beside the tool shed? Use a detail from the passage in your answer.	Maya waited because the garden gate was still locked.
2	What caused the chickadees to fly into the pine tree? Cite the detail that supports your answer.	A sharp wind rattled the hedge, and then the birds flew into the pine tree.
3	Why did Maya step behind the cedar hedge? Make an inference and use two details to support it.	Maya likely wanted to watch the birds without scaring them. She scattered seeds, stepped behind the hedge, and held her breath while they ate.
4	What can you infer Maya will probably do after this visit? Use evidence from the last paragraph.	Maya will probably continue feeding the birds. The next morning, she brings a larger bag of seeds.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Leo filled a shallow bowl with water and set it under the porch. Each afternoon, he checked the bowl and brushed away dry leaves. When the orange cat appeared, Leo sat quietly on the steps until it finished drinking.

Accept logical inferences that are supported by specific passage details. For Your Turn, accept any 3- or 4-sentence scene that implies care through at least two concrete details without directly stating it.