

Water Where Needed

Study how a writer backs a school improvement claim.

5W1 "Write an argument to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the author's main claim, circle two reasons that support it, and put a box around the number that gives evidence.

A Refill Station Near the Gym

- ① Our school should add a water bottle refill station near the gym. Many students finish practice or recess thirsty, yet the nearest fountain is across the building. A refill station would make it easier to choose water. It could also help students refill the bottles they already carry instead of buying drinks in single-use containers at school each day.
- ② Last spring, the student council counted 96 empty drink bottles in recycling bins outside the gym during one week. That count is evidence that many students use packaged drinks there. The station would not remove every bottle, but it could give students a convenient choice when they bring a reusable bottle from home or class nearby.
- ③ Some people may say the school should spend money on other needs. However, a refill station serves students every school day, especially during active times near the gym. Because students need water after exercise and the bottle count shows regular demand, the principal should consider this useful improvement for next year's budget and ask staff to compare prices.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is the author's main claim?

2 What are two reasons the author gives for adding a refill station?

3 What numerical evidence does the author use to support the claim?

4 What concern does the author mention, and how does the author answer that concern?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose one improvement for your school. Write exactly five sentences: state your claim, give two reasons, give one piece of evidence from an observation or source, and explain how the evidence supports your claim.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the author's main claim, circle two reasons that support it, and put a box around the number that gives evidence. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the author's main claim?	The school should add a water bottle refill station near the gym.
2	What are two reasons the author gives for adding a refill station?	It would make water easier to get near the gym, and it would help students refill reusable bottles instead of buying packaged drinks.
3	What numerical evidence does the author use to support the claim?	The student council counted 96 empty drink bottles in recycling bins outside the gym during one week.
4	What concern does the author mention, and how does the author answer that concern?	The concern is that the school should spend money on other needs. The author answers that the station would serve students every day, especially near the gym, where the bottle count shows demand.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our school should create a quiet reading area in the cafeteria. First, students who finish lunch early need a calm place to read. Second, a reading area would give students a useful choice during indoor recess. Last Tuesday, I counted twelve students reading at separate cafeteria tables before class. This observation shows that students would use a shared reading area.

Accept clearly stated claims that are supported by relevant reasons and evidence. For the open response, check for exactly five sentences that include all required parts and a logical explanation of the evidence.