

Garden Care Voice

Notice how steady word choices create a consistent tone.

6L3.b "Maintain consistency in style and tone."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three action words and circle three describing words that create a calm, careful tone. Number one example in each paragraph to show how the tone stays consistent from beginning to end.

Preparing the School Garden

- ① Before planting day, our garden team checks the soil carefully. We scoop a small amount into a cup and crumble the clumps with our fingers. If the soil feels dry, we add water slowly until it holds together. We also pull weeds near the beds, because weeds compete with seedlings for space and water. A tidy bed gives each new plant room to grow without crowding its neighbors. This careful start helps the garden stay healthy through spring.
- ② Next, we choose seedlings that match the season. Cool-weather lettuce and peas can handle mild spring days, while basil waits for warmer weather. We set each seedling into a hole no deeper than its root ball. Then we press the soil gently around the roots. Careful hands protect the stems, and even spacing lets sunlight reach every plant. Afterward, we water each row at its base, not on the leaves. This keeps the bed orderly and moist.
- ③ During the following weeks, we visit the garden often and notice small changes. We look under leaves for holes, check the soil after rain, and remove weeds before they spread. When a plant leans, we place a short stake beside it and tie it loosely. These simple routines keep the garden welcoming for students and helpful for insects. By working patiently, we help each bed stay healthy, orderly, and ready for harvest when autumn arrives.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is the overall tone of the passage? Use two words or phrases from the passage as evidence.

2 How do the words “carefully,” “gently,” and “patiently” help the writer maintain the same tone?

3 What style pattern appears in all three paragraphs? Describe one pattern and give an example.

4 Which sentence would maintain the passage's style and tone: “We check plants carefully each week” or “We throw a wild garden party for every sprout”? Explain why.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write 4 or 5 sentences explaining how you care for a classroom pet, plant, or other shared responsibility. Keep a calm, careful, practical tone in every sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three action words and circle three describing words that create a calm, careful tone. Number one example in each paragraph to show how the tone stays consistent from beginning to end. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the overall tone of the passage? Use two words or phrases from the passage as evidence.	The tone is calm, careful, and practical. Evidence may include “checks the soil carefully,” “press the soil gently,” or “working patiently.”
2	How do the words “carefully,” “gently,” and “patiently” help the writer maintain the same tone?	They all describe actions done with care, so they keep the tone calm and responsible.
3	What style pattern appears in all three paragraphs? Describe one pattern and give an example.	Each paragraph uses “we” to describe careful garden actions and explains how those actions help the garden.
4	Which sentence would maintain the passage's style and tone: “We check plants carefully each week” or “We throw a wild garden party for every sprout”? Explain why.	“We check plants carefully each week” maintains the tone because it is calm, practical, and focused on garden care.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Each morning, I check our classroom fish tank before lessons begin. I sprinkle a small amount of food on the water and watch the fish eat. Once a week, I use a net to remove fallen bits of food from the gravel. These steady routines keep the tank clean and give the fish a safe place to swim.

Accept evidence-based descriptions of the passage's calm, careful, practical tone. For the open response, accept 4 or 5 sentences that maintain a consistent appropriate tone and explain a care routine.