

Trees That Matter

Study how a conclusion shows why information matters.

6W2.e "Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented."

NAME _____

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the concluding paragraph, then circle the words or phrases that explain why urban trees matter in the future.

Why Cities Need Trees

- ① On hot summer afternoons, pavement can make a neighborhood feel even warmer. Trees help by shading sidewalks, homes, and bus stops. Their leaves also release water vapor, which can cool the nearby air. In one city block, a row of mature trees can make walking more comfortable for people headed to stores, parks, or school. Because shade is not shared equally in every neighborhood, many communities are planting trees where heat is strongest during summer.
- ② Tree planting also supports cleaner air and healthier soil. Leaves can trap some particles from vehicle exhaust before people breathe them. Roots hold soil in place during heavy rain, helping reduce erosion. Birds and insects may use branches, bark, and flowers for shelter or food. Young trees need watering and protection, especially in their first years. When residents, schools, and city workers care for new trees, the trees have a better chance to grow into long-lasting community resources.
- ③ Planting and caring for urban trees is more than a way to make streets look pleasant. Trees can lower heat, improve local air, protect soil, and create small habitats in places filled with buildings. These benefits matter most when trees are placed and maintained where people need them. By investing time and money in trees now, a community can make daily life safer and more comfortable for years to come as climate conditions change locally.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which paragraph is the conclusion? What words at its beginning signal that the writer is wrapping up the topic?

2 Name two benefits from the earlier paragraphs that the conclusion brings together.

3 How does the sentence about placing and maintaining trees where people need them add significance to the information?

4 What future result does the final sentence say a community can gain by investing in trees now?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a three-sentence concluding section for an informative article about a school water-bottle refill station. Explain why the facts matter, and use at least two of these details: students can get drinking water easily, the station reduces disposable bottle waste, and the school uses about 300 fewer disposable bottles each week.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the concluding paragraph, then circle the words or phrases that explain why urban trees matter in the future. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which paragraph is the conclusion? What words at its beginning signal that the writer is wrapping up the topic?	Paragraph 3. It begins, "Planting and caring for urban trees is more than a way to make streets look pleasant."
2	Name two benefits from the earlier paragraphs that the conclusion brings together.	Any two: lower heat through shade, cleaner air, less erosion, and habitats or food and shelter for birds and insects.
3	How does the sentence about placing and maintaining trees where people need them add significance to the information?	It shows that the benefits are especially important when trees are cared for and planted in places where people need relief from heat and other help.
4	What future result does the final sentence say a community can gain by investing in trees now?	The community can make daily life safer and more comfortable for years to come as climate conditions change locally.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A refill station does more than provide a place to get a drink. By making water easy to get and reducing the number of disposable bottles used each week, it can cut waste at school. Choosing to maintain the station shows that small changes can improve daily routines and protect shared spaces.

Accept conclusion identifications that name paragraph 3 and explain its summary and forward-looking purpose. For the open response, accept three sentences that use at least two given details and explain why the station matters beyond repeating facts.