

Words With Purpose

Notice how sentence choices guide a reader through an announcement.

7L3 "Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the four words that show the order of events. Circle the question and the two shortest complete sentences, then notice how these choices organize ideas and draw attention to key points.

A Garden for the Empty Lot

- ① On Saturday, the empty lot beside the library will become a neighborhood garden. At 9:00 a.m., volunteers will clear stones, spread compost, and build raised beds. The work may sound ordinary, but its result will last beyond one morning. Children will be able to watch beans climb poles, and families can pick herbs for dinner. Bring gloves if you have them. If not, the library will lend a pair. Every set of hands can help this small space grow.
- ② First, volunteers will measure the beds so paths remain wide enough for wheelchairs. Next, a local carpenter will show students how to place boards safely. The gardeners will not rush this step; straight, sturdy beds will hold soil through rain and heat. Then comes the lively part: planting. Will the tiny seeds really become food? By late summer, they can become tomatoes, basil, and sunflowers, giving the lot color, shade, and a useful purpose for neighbors.
- ③ Finally, the garden will need steady care, not a single burst of attention. On Wednesday afternoons, students can water seedlings and record what they observe. Neighbors who cannot dig can still contribute by saving jars for seedling pots or sharing recipes that use the harvest. The project is not merely about vegetables. It is about making a neglected corner feel shared, useful, and alive. Come for an hour, stay for the morning, or return whenever you can.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which four words organize the announcement by showing the order of events?

2 What effect does the question about tiny seeds have on the reader?

3 Which sentence gives the most direct instruction to a volunteer? Explain why it is effective.

4 How does the short sentence "It is about making a neglected corner feel shared, useful, and alive" strengthen the message of the announcement?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a four- or five-sentence announcement inviting students to a different school event. Use two time-order transitions, one question, and one short direct instruction of six words or fewer. Vary the way your sentences begin.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the four words that show the order of events. Circle the question and the two shortest complete sentences, then notice how these choices organize ideas and draw attention to key points. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which four words organize the announcement by showing the order of events?	First, Next, Then, and Finally.
2	What effect does the question about tiny seeds have on the reader?	It invites the reader to imagine the surprising change from tiny seeds to food and makes the planting sound interesting.
3	Which sentence gives the most direct instruction to a volunteer? Explain why it is effective.	"Bring gloves if you have them." It is brief and clearly tells volunteers what they can bring.
4	How does the short sentence "It is about making a neglected corner feel shared, useful, and alive" strengthen the message of the announcement?	It emphasizes that the garden has a larger community purpose, not just a purpose of growing vegetables.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First, the drama club will sort costumes after school on Thursday. Next, volunteers will label boxes and hang clean outfits in the storage room. Could your careful eye find a missing button? Bring a marker.

Accept the listed transition words and reasonable explanations of their effects. For the open response, check for four or five sentences, two sequencing transitions, a question, a direct instruction of six words or fewer, and varied sentence openings.