

Why It Matters

Read how a conclusion explains the importance of information.

7W2.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 sentence or sentences that conclude the article. Then circle two words or phrases in the conclusion that explain why the seed library matters.

A Library of Seeds

- ① At the Maple Street Library, visitors can borrow more than books. A cabinet near the entrance holds packets of bean, basil, and tomato seeds. Borrowers take a few packets, grow the plants, and save some seeds from mature plants if they can. The library does not require returns, because weather, insects, and gardening experience can affect a harvest. Instead, the program invites gardeners to share what they learned with other residents during monthly meetings there.
- ② Seed libraries can make gardening easier to try. A packet of seeds costs less than a young plant, and borrowers can choose varieties suited to their space. At Maple Street, a resident used borrowed basil seeds in pots on an apartment balcony. Another gardener brought extra bean seeds to a meeting after a successful season. These exchanges give people access to plants, but they also create chances for neighbors to trade advice about soil, sunlight, and pests.
- ③ The cabinet is small, yet its effect reaches beyond the library building. By lowering the cost of trying a garden and connecting experienced growers with beginners, the seed library helps more residents produce food and herbs. Its value is not measured only by the number of packets taken. The program shows how a public library can share useful resources, build knowledge, and strengthen connections among people who live nearby in the same community and learn together.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which paragraph serves as the conclusion? What is the main idea of that concluding paragraph?

2 Name two details from earlier in the article that the conclusion connects to or builds on.

3 Why does the author say that the program's value is not measured only by the number of packets taken?

4 How does the final sentence broaden the focus from gardening to the whole community?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

A report describes a school repair cafe where volunteers fix torn backpacks and loose bicycle chains while teaching students how to make simple repairs. Write a two-sentence concluding section that explains why the repair cafe matters.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence or sentences that conclude the article. Then circle two words or phrases in the conclusion that explain why the seed library matters. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which paragraph serves as the conclusion? What is the main idea of that concluding paragraph?	Paragraph 3. The seed library is important because it helps residents garden, share knowledge, and connect with one another.
2	Name two details from earlier in the article that the conclusion connects to or builds on.	Answers may include low-cost seed packets, choosing seeds for a space, growing food or herbs, monthly meetings, and neighbors sharing advice or extra seeds.
3	Why does the author say that the program's value is not measured only by the number of packets taken?	The author means that the program does more than distribute seeds. It also helps people gain knowledge and build community connections.
4	How does the final sentence broaden the focus from gardening to the whole community?	It explains that the library shares resources, builds knowledge, and strengthens connections among people in the community, not just people growing plants.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The repair cafe matters because it keeps useful backpacks and bicycles from being thrown away. By teaching simple repair skills, it also helps students solve problems and care for shared resources.

Accept a two-sentence conclusion that refers to the repair cafe details and explains a broader importance, such as reducing waste, teaching skills, or helping the school community. The response should conclude rather than introduce a new unrelated fact.