A Garden Idea

Find an opinion and the reasons that support it.

2.3.W.3 "Students will write an opinion about a topic and provide reasons as support in a paragraph."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the writer's opinion in the first paragraph. Circle one reason in the second paragraph and one reason in the third paragraph to see how they support that opinion.

A Garden for Our School

1. I think our school should plant a small garden. We could grow bright flowers by the front door. Flowers would make our school look bright and happy. We could also grow food, such as peas and lettuce, to taste at lunch.

2. A garden could help us learn. We could measure how tall a sunflower grows each week. We could watch bees visit the flowers. Seeing these things outside would help us learn about plants and the animals near them.

3. A garden would give us work to do together. Some kids could pull weeds while others water the plants. We would have to take turns and share tools. That is why I think a school garden is worth planting.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does the writer think our school should do?

2. How could a garden help students learn? Give one detail from the passage.

3. How could a garden help students work together? Give one detail from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write one paragraph about a change you think would make your classroom better. State your opinion, give two reasons, and end with a sentence that sums up your opinion.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.3.W.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the writer's opinion in the first paragraph. Circle one reason in the second paragraph and one reason in the third paragraph to see how they support that opinion. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the writer think our school should do?	**The writer thinks the school should plant a small garden.**
2	How could a garden help students learn? Give one detail from the passage.	**Students could learn by measuring how tall a sunflower grows each week.**
3	How could a garden help students work together? Give one detail from the passage.	**Students could take turns and share tools while caring for the garden.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I think our classroom should have a quiet reading corner. It would help us focus on our books. Soft pillows would make reading more comfortable. A reading corner would make our classroom a better place to read.

Accept passage details that show learning or working together, even if students use their own words. For Part 3, look for one clear opinion, two reasons that support it, and a closing sentence.