Words for Readers

Notice how a writer changes words for each reader.

2.4.W.2 "Students will use language in speaking and writing according to purpose and audience."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB To notice how words fit different readers, underline the invitation to classmates, circle the polite request to the principal, and box the words of thanks to the custodian.

Notes from Our Garden

1. Our class planted bean seeds by the school fence. I made a note for other kids: "Come see the tiny sprouts at recess! Please stay on the path so their leaves can grow." I wanted classmates to visit and protect the plants.

2. The soil was dry, so I wrote to our principal: "Dear Principal Lee, may our class use the outdoor tap to water the beans? Thank you for helping our garden." I used polite words because I was asking an adult for help.

3. A week later, the custodian fixed a loose gate near our plants. I sent a note: "Dear Mr. Chen, thank you for fixing the gate. Now we can carry water safely." My words told him what he did and why it mattered.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which words in the first note invite classmates to visit?

2. Which words show that the writer asks Principal Lee in a polite way?

3. Which words in the last note tell Mr. Chen why his help mattered?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Your class wants a quiet reading corner in the library. Write a two-sentence note to the librarian asking for a place to sit and read, using polite words that fit an adult.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.4.W.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

To notice how words fit different readers, underline the invitation to classmates, circle the polite request to the principal, and box the words of thanks to the custodian. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which words in the first note invite classmates to visit?	**"Come see the tiny sprouts at recess!"**
2	Which words show that the writer asks Principal Lee in a polite way?	**"May our class use the outdoor tap to water the beans?" The writer also says, "Thank you for helping our garden."**
3	Which words in the last note tell Mr. Chen why his help mattered?	**"Now we can carry water safely."**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Dear Ms. Ruiz, could our class use the soft chairs for a reading corner? We will put the books back when we finish.

Accept other exact words from the notes that fit each question. For Part 3, look for two sentences that politely ask the librarian for a reading space.