Words in the Garden

Read a model text and notice what each word means.

5.5.W.6 "Students will use the correct forms of it's/its, you're/your, and they're/there/their."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each use of it's, you're, and they're. Circle each use of its, your, and their, then draw a box around there.

A Shelter by the Sunflowers

1. On Saturday, our class built a tiny shelter for ladybugs beside the school garden. "You're in charge of the sticks," Ms. Reed told Jalen. "Your bundle will fill the bottom shelf." Jalen tucked dry twigs inside, while Mina lined the top shelf with pinecones. "It's like a little apartment," Mina said. The shelter had a slanted roof, and its shelves stayed dry beneath it.

2. After lunch, we carried the shelter to the garden gate. "Put it there, beside the tall sunflowers," said Ms. Reed. Two ladybugs rested on a sunflower leaf, but they did not fly into the shelter. "They're busy hunting aphids," Jalen said. Aphids are tiny insects that feed on plants. Ladybugs can eat them, so their visits may help the sunflowers stay healthy.

3. Before we left, Ms. Reed pointed to a damp patch on the roof. "It's still wet from this morning's rain," she said. "You're holding the brush, Mina, so please sweep off the drops." Mina brushed the roof and checked its edge. "Their new shelter is ready," she said, watching the ladybugs crawl across the sunflower leaf. "Maybe they'll find it when the sun goes down."

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In Ms. Reed's first two sentences to Jalen, what does you're mean, and what does your show?

2. In paragraph 1, what does it's mean, and what does its tell you about the shelves?

3. Why does Ms. Reed say there, rather than their, when she tells the class where to put the shelter?

4. In paragraph 2, what does they're mean, and whose visits does their describe?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about getting ready for a school event. Use each of these words exactly once: it's, its, you're, your, they're, there, their.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · 5.5.W.6

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each use of it's, you're, and they're. Circle each use of its, your, and their, then draw a box around there. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In Ms. Reed's first two sentences to Jalen, what does you're mean, and what does your show?	**You're means you are. Your shows that the bundle belongs to Jalen.**
2	In paragraph 1, what does it's mean, and what does its tell you about the shelves?	**It's means it is. Its tells us the shelves belong to the shelter.**
3	Why does Ms. Reed say there, rather than their, when she tells the class where to put the shelter?	**There names a place beside the tall sunflowers.**
4	In paragraph 2, what does they're mean, and whose visits does their describe?	**They're means they are. Their describes the ladybugs' visits.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

It's time to hang your poster, and you're holding its frame. The dancers are waiting there. They're practicing their steps.

Accept answers that explain the meaning of each form in its passage sentence. In Part 3, check that all seven forms appear exactly once and fit their sentences.