A Flyer That Changed

Publishing for readers, then publishing again

6.2.W.5 "Students will routinely and recursively publish final drafts for an authentic audience (e.g., publishing digitally, performing, entering contests)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each time a finished version is made available to readers, and circle the readers' questions that lead to a new version.

The Seed Shelf Flyer

1 On Monday, I carried a finished flyer to the public library's seed shelf. Our class had saved bean seeds in small paper envelopes, but many visitors did not know they could take some. My flyer said, “Take a bean envelope. Plant two seeds in soil, water lightly, and set the pot near a sunny window.” I checked the spelling, printed ten copies, and asked the librarian to place them beside the envelopes. By afternoon, visitors had taken three flyers home along with their seeds.

2 The next day, a visitor asked the librarian, “Do I plant both seeds in one pot?” Another person wanted to know when to water again. The librarian wrote down their questions and sent them to our class. I realized that a neat final copy could still leave real readers confused. I changed the directions to say, “Plant each seed in its own pot. Water when the top of the soil feels dry.” Our teacher checked the wording with me, and I printed a new set for the shelf.

3 Before replacing the old copies, I put the new directions on the library's website. People who had already taken seeds could read the update at home. On Friday, the librarian told us that a visitor had used the website directions to start two pots. I replaced the paper flyers and added the website address at the bottom. Now readers at the shelf and readers at home could find the same clear steps. I saved the file so I could update it if more questions came in.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why did the writer place the first finished flyers beside the seed envelopes?

2. Which two reader questions showed the writer that the first published flyer needed an update?

3. How did the new directions answer both readers' questions?

4. Why did the writer publish the updated directions on the website and replace the shelf flyers?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

In 55 to 85 words, write a finished notice for classmates about a school need you choose. Say where you would publish it and explain one reader question that would make you update and republish it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 6 · 6.2.W.5

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each time a finished version is made available to readers, and circle the readers' questions that lead to a new version. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did the writer place the first finished flyers beside the seed envelopes?	**Visitors taking seeds needed directions, and placing flyers beside the envelopes let those readers take the directions home.**
2	Which two reader questions showed the writer that the first published flyer needed an update?	**Readers wanted to know whether both seeds went in one pot and when to water again.**
3	How did the new directions answer both readers' questions?	**They said to plant each seed in its own pot and to water when the top of the soil feels dry.**
4	Why did the writer publish the updated directions on the website and replace the shelf flyers?	**The website reached people who had already taken seeds home, while the new shelf flyers reached visitors taking seeds later.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our shared pencil cup is often empty by lunchtime. If you borrow a pencil, return it to the cup before you leave the room. If a pencil breaks, put it in the repair jar instead of throwing it away. This way, the next class can find a pencil when they need one. I would post this notice on our classroom door. If readers ask where the repair jar is, I would add its location and post an updated notice.

Accept answers that connect a publishing choice to the readers it reaches. For the open task, look for a usable notice, a place to publish it, and a specific reader question linked to an update and republication.