Why Here?

Ask about the places in a town and why they are there.

2.C.3.6 "Ask geographic questions about where places are located and why they are located there."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that tell where each place is. Circle the words that tell why it is there.

A Walk Through Maple Bend

1. In the town of Maple Bend, the library is across the street from the school. It is there so classes can walk over for books and story time. A crossing guard helps children cross the street.

2. A small park sits beside the creek, just past the library. The town put the park there so people could walk by the water and watch ducks swim. A path keeps feet away from muddy ground.

3. The bus stop is next to the food market. The town placed it there so riders can buy food before going home. On rainy days, riders wait under a roof while the bus comes down the road.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write a where question about the library. Then answer it.

2. Write a why question about the park's location. Then answer it.

3. Write a where question and a why question about the bus stop. Answer both.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a place you know or make up a town place. Write a where question and a why question about it, then answer both. Choose a place that is not in the reading.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words that tell where each place is. Circle the words that tell why it is there. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write a where question about the library. Then answer it.	**Where is the library? It is across the street from the school.**
2	Write a why question about the park's location. Then answer it.	**Why is the park beside the creek? People can walk by the water and watch ducks swim.**
3	Write a where question and a why question about the bus stop. Answer both.	**Where is the bus stop? It is next to the food market. Why is it there? Riders can buy food before going home.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Where is the bakery in my town? It is beside the train station. Why is the bakery there? People can buy breakfast before they ride the train.

Accept questions with different wording if the passage supports the answers. For Your Turn, accept a real or imagined place not in the reading, with a clear location and a sensible reason for it.