Places Shape Choices

Read how weather and land affect two towns.

2.C.3.7 "Examine how weather patterns, seasons, climate, and the physical features of a place can affect where and how people live."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB In each paragraph, circle one clue about weather or land and underline what people do because of it. Your marks will show how a place shapes people's choices.

Life in Two Towns

1. In spring, rain and melting snow can make the Pine River rise. In one river town, families build homes on higher ground. When the water rises, it may cover low land, but the homes stay farther from the floodwater.

2. The river town has warm summers. People plant gardens on flat land near the river after the spring water goes down. They carry water from the river to help the plants grow when summer days are dry.

3. Far away, a desert town is dry for much of the year. Rain is rare, so people save water in tanks. Some homes have thick walls that help keep rooms cool on hot days. People seek shade at midday.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why do families in the river town build homes on higher ground?

2. How do dry summer days change the way people care for their gardens?

3. How do hot days affect homes in the desert town?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Make up a town near a windy, snowy mountain. Write two sentences: tell how the weather or mountain affects where people build homes, then tell how it affects something people do.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

In each paragraph, circle one clue about weather or land and underline what people do because of it. Your marks will show how a place shapes people's choices. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why do families in the river town build homes on higher ground?	**River water may cover low land in spring, so higher ground keeps homes farther from floodwater.**
2	How do dry summer days change the way people care for their gardens?	**People carry water from the river to help their plants grow.**
3	How do hot days affect homes in the desert town?	**Some homes have thick walls that help keep rooms cool.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Families build homes away from steep slopes where snow can slide down. On snowy days, people clear paths so they can walk to school.

For the marking job, accept any clue and action in the same paragraph that form a clear cause-and-effect pair. For Your Turn, accept two plausible sentences that connect the mountain or its weather to both a home location and an activity.