Living in the Heat

How people use and change their surroundings

2.C.3.9 "Explain and describe human interaction with the environment by describing how humans both adapt to (e.g., clothing, housing, food choices) and modify it (e.g., farming, irrigation, mining, water reservoirs, construction of homes…"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one clothing choice that helps people stay cool, and circle two things people build or dig to change the land.

A Dry Town

1. In a dry town, hot sun shines for many days. People wear wide hats and light clothes to stay cool. They eat foods that grow well nearby, such as squash. These choices help people live with the weather.

2. A river runs past the town, but gardens are far from the water. People dig a small ditch to bring river water to the gardens. The ditch changes the land. With water, people can grow beans and other food.

3. Some families clear space and build homes with thick walls to keep rooms cooler. Clearing space and building homes change the land. On hot days, children play in the shade of the walls. The homes help families live with heat.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does a clothing choice in the passage help people live with hot weather?

2. How does the ditch change the land to meet a need?

3. How do the homes help families with heat, and how does building them change the land?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a snowy town. Write two sentences: tell one way people could dress for the cold and one way they could change the land to make travel easier.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.C.3.9

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one clothing choice that helps people stay cool, and circle two things people build or dig to change the land. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does a clothing choice in the passage help people live with hot weather?	**Wide hats or light clothes help people stay cool.**
2	How does the ditch change the land to meet a need?	**People dig the ditch to bring river water to gardens so they can grow food.**
3	How do the homes help families with heat, and how does building them change the land?	**The thick walls keep rooms cooler. Families clear space on the land to build the homes.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

People could wear thick coats to stay warm in the snowy town. They could build a raised walkway across the snow to make travel easier.

For the marking job, accept wide hats or light clothes as the underlined choice. Students should circle the ditch and the homes; accept other reasonable clothing and construction ideas in Part 3.