Brick by Brick

Find what it takes to make a brick.

2.C.4.2 "Explain how goods are produced by using natural resources (e.g., water, soil, wood, coal), human resources (e.g., people at work), and capital resources (e.g., machines, tools, computers, buildings)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two things from nature, circle the person at work, and write 1 and 2 above two tools that help make the bricks.

Making Bricks

1. On a muddy day, Ana makes bricks for a garden wall. She digs clay from the ground with a shovel. She carries the clay to a small shed. A bucket of water waits by her worktable.

2. First, Ana pours water on the clay. She stirs it until it is soft enough to shape. Then she pushes the clay into a wooden mold. She lifts the mold and sets each wet brick on a shelf.

3. When the bricks are dry, Ana puts them in a kiln, a hot oven for clay. Heat makes the clay hard. Ana takes out the cool bricks. Builders can use them to make a strong garden wall.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do clay and water each help Ana make bricks?

2. What are two jobs Ana does to make the bricks?

3. How do the mold and kiln each help make bricks?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine someone making a wooden chair. Write three sentences: tell what comes from nature, what the worker does, and how a tool or machine helps.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.C.4.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two things from nature, circle the person at work, and write 1 and 2 above two tools that help make the bricks. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do clay and water each help Ana make bricks?	**Ana shapes the clay into bricks. Water makes the clay soft enough to shape.**
2	What are two jobs Ana does to make the bricks?	**Ana digs the clay and pushes it into a mold.**
3	How do the mold and kiln each help make bricks?	**The mold shapes the bricks. The kiln heats them until they are hard.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Wood from a tree is the natural resource for a chair. A carpenter cuts the wood and fits the pieces together. A saw helps cut the wood into pieces for the seat and legs.

For the marking job, accept clay and water as things from nature, Ana as the worker, and any two tools named in the passage. For Your Turn, accept three sentences that accurately explain a natural resource, a worker's action, and how a tool or machine helps make a wooden chair.