Garden Clues

Find what an author wants readers to learn

2.P.3.2.A "Determine the author's purpose, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe in informational texts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that answers what a community garden is, number two steps the author explains, and circle two words that help you picture the garden.

A Garden for Everyone

1. What is a community garden? It is a place where neighbors grow plants together. Some gardens are on land owned by a town. People share the work and make rules for using the space.

2. At one community garden, neighbors meet each spring to get the garden ready. They pull weeds and mix soil. Then they plant seeds. A sign tells each person which small plot to care for. Everyone keeps the walking paths clear.

3. By summer, tall sunflowers stand near the fence. Red tomatoes hang from green plants. Neighbors pick food from their own plots. Some sit on a bench and talk. The garden is a place to grow food and meet people.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What question does the author answer in paragraph 1?

2. What does the author explain in paragraph 2?

3. What does the author describe in paragraph 3? Give one detail that shows it.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Pick a different place neighbors share, such as a sidewalk or playground. Write a question an author could answer about it. Then write one sentence telling what the author would want to explain or describe.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that answers what a community garden is, number two steps the author explains, and circle two words that help you picture the garden. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What question does the author answer in paragraph 1?	**What is a community garden?**
2	What does the author explain in paragraph 2?	**The author explains how neighbors get the garden ready and care for it.**
3	What does the author describe in paragraph 3? Give one detail that shows it.	**The author describes the garden in summer. Tall sunflowers stand near the fence.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

How do neighbors use a sidewalk? An author would want to explain how sidewalks give people a place to walk beside the road.

For the marking job, accept any two steps in paragraph 2 and any two descriptive words in paragraph 3. For Your Turn, accept a question about a shared place and a sentence that states what an author would explain or describe.