Growing Together

Find the main idea and the facts that support it.

2.P.4.1.A "Compose informative written products, focusing on the facts about a topic, including a main idea with supporting details."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells the main idea of the passage. Circle two facts that support it.

A Community Garden

1. A community garden helps neighbors grow food and spend time together. People share the work of planting, watering, and pulling weeds. A garden can turn an empty lot into a green space. Neighbors may grow food to take home.

2. Gardeners make small beds for their plants. They put seeds in soil and give them water. Sunlight helps the plants grow. In warm months, a garden might have tomatoes, beans, and flowers. Neighbors can pick food when it is ready.

3. A garden can bring people together. Neighbors can talk while they work. Older gardeners may show younger gardeners how to care for plants. Some gardens share extra food with other families. The garden gives people both fresh food and time together.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the main idea of the whole passage? Tell it in your own words.

2. What two facts show how neighbors help plants grow?

3. What two facts show that a garden brings people together?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a place near your home or school other than a garden. Write three sentences that teach about it: one main idea and two true details that support it.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells the main idea of the passage. Circle two facts that support it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the main idea of the whole passage? Tell it in your own words.	**A community garden helps neighbors grow food and spend time together.**
2	What two facts show how neighbors help plants grow?	**Neighbors plant seeds in soil and give them water.**
3	What two facts show that a garden brings people together?	**Neighbors talk while they work, and older gardeners may teach younger gardeners to care for plants.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The park near my home is a place where people can play. Children climb on the play set. Families kick balls on the grass.

For the marking job, accept any two passage facts that support the first sentence. For Your Turn, look for one clear main idea followed by two related, true details.