A Better Bus Stop

Read an opinion and the reasons that support it.

2.P.4.1.B "Express an opinion about a topic by composing a written product and providing logical reasons as support."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells what the writer thinks the town should do. Circle one reason in each of the next two paragraphs.

A Place to Wait

1. I think our town should put a bench by the bus stop near the park. Many people wait there for the bus. A bench would make that wait better for our neighbors.

2. First, a bench would give people a place to sit. Some people have to stand for a long time while they wait. A place to rest would help them feel more comfortable.

3. Second, the bench could sit back from the road. People waiting for the bus could sit there instead of standing near the curb. That would give them more space from passing cars.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does the writer think the town should do? State the opinion in your own words.

2. How would a bench help people who get tired while waiting? How does this support the writer's opinion?

3. How could the spot for the bench help people stay farther from cars? How does this support the writer's opinion?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a change you want at your school or in your neighborhood, but do not choose a bus stop bench. Write three sentences: state your opinion, then give two different reasons that support it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.P.4.1.B

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells what the writer thinks the town should do. Circle one reason in each of the next two paragraphs. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the writer think the town should do? State the opinion in your own words.	**The town should put a bench by the bus stop near the park.**
2	How would a bench help people who get tired while waiting? How does this support the writer's opinion?	**People could sit and rest instead of standing for a long time. This is a reason to add a bench because it would make waiting more comfortable.**
3	How could the spot for the bench help people stay farther from cars? How does this support the writer's opinion?	**The bench could sit back from the road. People could wait there instead of near the curb, giving them more space from passing cars.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I think our school should plant flowers by the front door. The flowers would make the entrance look welcoming. Bees could visit the flowers for food.

Accept answers that identify the writer's opinion and connect each reason to it. For Part 3, look for one clear opinion and two different, logical reasons in three sentences.