School to State

Use directions to connect your school, Oklahoma, and nearby places.

3.C.2.2.A "Explain the relative location of the student's school and the state of Oklahoma to surrounding states and major physical regions of the United States of America."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that tell where Oklahoma is compared with another state or a land region. Circle two directions that could also help describe where your school is.

Where Is Your School?

1. Imagine standing outside your school. You can describe where it is by using directions, such as north or south. If your school is in Oklahoma, it is also part of a larger place: the state of Oklahoma. A school in Enid is in north-central Oklahoma, while a school in Lawton is in the southwest. Your school has its own place within the state.

2. Now zoom out from your school to the edges of Oklahoma. Kansas borders Oklahoma on the north, and Texas borders it on the south. Arkansas borders Oklahoma to the east. New Mexico touches the western end of Oklahoma's Panhandle, the long, narrow part of the state. If your school is in Oklahoma, it is north of Texas because the whole state is north of Texas.

3. Look beyond state borders to the land itself. The Great Plains stretch across western Oklahoma, with broad, mostly flat or rolling land. Farther west rise the Rocky Mountains, with many high peaks. South of Oklahoma, the Gulf Coastal Plain reaches toward the Gulf of Mexico. These land regions help you describe location on a bigger scale, from your school to faraway mountains.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. If your school is in Oklahoma, where is it compared with Texas? Why?

2. Where is Oklahoma compared with Arkansas?

3. Where is western Oklahoma compared with the Great Plains?

4. Where are the Rocky Mountains compared with Oklahoma?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write four sentences. Tell where a place near your school is compared with your school, where your school is within Oklahoma, where Oklahoma is compared with a bordering state, and where a land region is compared with Oklahoma.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.C.2.2.A

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words that tell where Oklahoma is compared with another state or a land region. Circle two directions that could also help describe where your school is. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If your school is in Oklahoma, where is it compared with Texas? Why?	**It is north of Texas because Oklahoma is north of Texas.**
2	Where is Oklahoma compared with Arkansas?	**Oklahoma is west of Arkansas.**
3	Where is western Oklahoma compared with the Great Plains?	**Western Oklahoma is within the Great Plains.**
4	Where are the Rocky Mountains compared with Oklahoma?	**The Rocky Mountains are west of Oklahoma.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A park is north of my school. My school is in Tulsa, in northeastern Oklahoma. Oklahoma is east of New Mexico. The Gulf Coastal Plain reaches south of Oklahoma.

Accept accurate descriptions based on each student's school location and a nearby place they know. For the land region, accept a correct location from the passage, including that the Great Plains stretch across western Oklahoma.