A Park Proposal

Read an opinion and trace the reasons that support it.

3.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 writer's opinion and write 1 and 2 beside two different reasons that support it, so you can see how reasons back up a point of view.

A Place to Fill Bottles

1. On hot days, families play at Maple Park for hours. The water fountain near the swings sometimes has a line, and some children bring bottles from home. I think our town should add a bottle-filling station next to the fountain. A bottle-filling station sends water into a bottle with little spilling. This change would help people enjoy the park.

2. If people can fill their bottles at the park, they can take water along the walking path. They will not need to leave their games to look for a drink. A filling station may also mean fewer empty plastic bottles in the trash cans. People could use the same bottle again instead of buying a new one for each visit.

3. Some neighbors may worry that a new station would cost money. That is a fair concern. Still, the park already has a water line for the fountain, so the town could ask about adding a station there. The town could find out the price before it decides. To me, easier drinks and less trash make the station worth considering.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does the writer want the town to do? Give one reason about drinking water that supports this opinion.

2. How could a filling station lead to less trash, according to the writer?

3. What concern does the writer mention? What does the writer suggest the town do before deciding?

4. Which detail makes adding a station by the fountain seem possible? Explain how it supports the writer's opinion.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a change you would make to a shared place other than adding a water station. Write one paragraph that states your opinion and gives two different reasons that show how the change would help people.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.P.4.1.B

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the writer's opinion and write 1 and 2 beside two different reasons that support it, so you can see how reasons back up a point of view. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the writer want the town to do? Give one reason about drinking water that supports this opinion.	**Add a bottle-filling station at the park. People could fill their bottles and take water along the walking path.**
2	How could a filling station lead to less trash, according to the writer?	**People could refill the same bottle instead of buying a new one for each visit.**
3	What concern does the writer mention? What does the writer suggest the town do before deciding?	**The station would cost money. The town could find out its price before deciding.**
4	Which detail makes adding a station by the fountain seem possible? Explain how it supports the writer's opinion.	**The fountain already has a water line. The town could ask whether a station can be added there.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I think our schoolyard should have more shady places to sit. Shade would give children a cooler spot to rest after running on sunny days. It would also give classmates a place to read or talk outside without sitting in the strong sun. A few trees near the edge of the yard could make recess more comfortable.

Accept answers in students' own words when they accurately connect a passage detail to the writer's opinion. For the open response, look for a clear opinion about a different change and two distinct, logical reasons.