

Clues in the Garden

Use exact words as evidence for facts and inferences.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.1 "Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that state what happened; label each E (explicit). Circle two details that suggest why someone acted; label each I (inference). Different choices can be valid.

The Bean Bed Mystery

- ① On Monday morning, Luis arrived early at the community garden to water the seedlings. Near the tool shed, he noticed a row of small, round holes in the soil beside the bean plants. The leaves were still standing, but several were clipped cleanly at their stems. Luis did not touch the area. Instead, he wrote the time in his notebook and called Ms. Chen, the garden leader.
- ② Ms. Chen knelt beside the holes and pointed to a narrow trail leading under the fence. "We need more information before we decide what happened," she said. She placed a small camera on a post, facing the bean bed. Then she covered the new seeds with wire mesh, leaving space for rain and sunlight. Luis checked the camera each afternoon, but he did not move the mesh.
- ③ On Thursday, the camera showed a rabbit squeezing under the fence after sunset. It nibbled the bean stems, then paused near the holes. Ms. Chen explained that the holes were probably made by insects, but the rabbit had damaged the plants. Luis helped secure the loose fence edge with a wooden stake. The next week, new bean leaves appeared, and the camera showed no rabbit inside the garden.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What did Luis do after he noticed the damage? Copy one exact phrase from the passage.

2 What can you infer about Ms. Chen's reason for placing the camera? Quote words that support your inference.

3 What detail proves that the rabbit damaged the bean plants? Copy the exact words.

4 Ms. Chen placed the mesh. Luis did not move it. What might explain his choice? State an inference and quote a detail that supports it.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence recommendation for how the garden team should protect bean plants next time. State one action, quote two different details from the passage, and explain how the details support your action.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two details that state what happened; label each E (explicit). Circle two details that suggest why someone acted; label each I (inference). Different choices can be valid. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Luis do after he noticed the damage? Copy one exact phrase from the passage.	"he wrote the time in his notebook and called Ms. Chen, the garden leader."
2	What can you infer about Ms. Chen's reason for placing the camera? Quote words that support your inference.	She wanted more evidence before deciding what happened. She says, "We need more information before we decide what happened," before placing the camera.
3	What detail proves that the rabbit damaged the bean plants? Copy the exact words.	"It nibbled the bean stems"
4	Ms. Chen placed the mesh. Luis did not move it. What might explain his choice? State an inference and quote a detail that supports it.	Luis may have avoided disturbing the protection Ms. Chen put over the seeds. The passage says, "Then she covered the new seeds with wire mesh, leaving space for rain and sunlight." This supports an inference that he wanted the seeds protected while still receiving rain and sunlight.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Next time, the team should check and secure the fence before planting. The camera showed "a rabbit squeezing under the fence after sunset," so the fence was the rabbit's entrance. After the fence was secured, the camera showed "no rabbit inside the garden," which suggests that keeping the fence secure could protect the plants.

Accept minor punctuation or capitalization differences in accurate quotations. Inferences need a relevant quoted detail and an explanation. For Question 4, include the covering detail; rain and sunlight alone do not explain protection. The recommendation needs an action, two different quotes and their connection to the action. Accept any two stated events and any two details supporting reasonable inferences in the annotation task.