Garden Sign Hunt

Read cursive clues in a butterfly garden.

4.F.H.3.a "Read short texts written in cursive."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB As you read the cursive passage, underline each sentence that tells what a sign or card says. Number the signs and card 1, 2, and 3 so you can return to their messages.

Maya's Butterfly Garden Visit

① On a sunny September morning, Maya visited a butterfly garden with her uncle. A small cursive sign near the gate read, "Please walk slowly." Maya noticed orange and black monarch butterflies resting on purple flowers. Her uncle explained that the garden gives butterflies nectar, a sweet liquid from flowers. Maya kept her eyes open for other helpful signs.

② Beside a wooden bench, Maya found another sign written in looping cursive. It said, "Monarchs travel south when autumn grows cool." She had seen maps of this trip in class, but reading the sign helped her connect the map to the garden. A volunteer named Mr. Chen said that some monarchs travel thousands of miles to reach warmer places.

③ Before leaving, Maya read a final cursive card by a milkweed plant. The card said, "Milkweed is the only food monarch caterpillars eat." Maya drew the plant in her notebook and wrote its name in print. At home, she told her brother that gardens can help monarchs during different parts of their lives. He asked to visit the garden next weekend.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What three-word message did the cursive sign near the gate say?

2. According to the cursive sign beside the bench, when do monarchs travel south?

3. In the cursive passage, who said that some monarchs travel thousands of miles?

4. What does the cursive card say is the only food monarch caterpillars eat?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Use the cursive passage to write a two-sentence visitor note in print. Include one fact from a sign or card and one way people can help monarchs, using your own words.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.F.H.3.a

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

As you read the cursive passage, underline each sentence that tells what a sign or card says. Number the signs and card 1, 2, and 3 so you can return to their messages. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What three-word message did the cursive sign near the gate say?	**Please walk slowly.**
2	According to the cursive sign beside the bench, when do monarchs travel south?	**When autumn grows cool.**
3	In the cursive passage, who said that some monarchs travel thousands of miles?	**Mr. Chen.**
4	What does the cursive card say is the only food monarch caterpillars eat?	**Milkweed.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Monarchs fly south when fall weather turns cool. Planting milkweed and nectar flowers can help them find food.

Accept accurate paraphrases of the sign and card messages. For Part 3, accept two sentences that include one passage-based fact and a reasonable, passage-based way to help monarchs. The supplied source is genuine connected cursive. Read it before locating or transcribing answers; offer letter-shape and context support as needed while keeping the print questions and key legible.