Garden Phrase Hunt

Find phrases that add details about actions and things.

3.11.D.vi "prepositions and prepositional phrases;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every prepositional phrase in the passage. Notice how each phrase adds details about a noun or an action.

A Class Garden

1. On Tuesday, Ms. Chen's class visited the school garden behind the gym. A narrow path led the students between rows of beans. Near the fence, Maya spotted a ladybug on a leaf. The group stood quietly beside the plants and watched the tiny insect crawl toward the stem. Their notebooks rested in a basket by the gate.

2. At the compost bin, Jordan used a small shovel to move dark soil into a pail. Under a flat stone, he found two earthworms. Earthworms help break down old leaves in the compost. After a rain, they often come closer to the surface. Jordan placed the stone back over the worms. Then he carried the pail across the garden.

3. Before lunch, the class gathered at a table near the tool shed. They rinsed carrots in a tub of cool water. Luis set a bunch of carrots on a tray, and Maya put a paper sign beside it. The sign read, "Garden Snacks." Soon, families walked through the gate to taste the fresh carrots. The class shared stories about their work in the garden.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write the prepositional phrase that tells where the school garden is.

2. In the phrase "beside the plants," what word is the object of the preposition?

3. Write the prepositional phrase that tells where the class rinsed the carrots.

4. Which prepositional phrase tells how families entered the garden?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a place you know. Use at least three prepositional phrases total, and underline each prepositional phrase. Then check your draft's phrases. Keep or correct each preposition to fit the relationship you mean, and explain one decision.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline every prepositional phrase in the passage. Notice how each phrase adds details about a noun or an action. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write the prepositional phrase that tells where the school garden is.	**behind the gym**
2	In the phrase "beside the plants," what word is the object of the preposition?	**plants**
3	Write the prepositional phrase that tells where the class rinsed the carrots.	**in a tub of cool water**
4	Which prepositional phrase tells how families entered the garden?	**through the gate**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the playground, I swung on the red swing. My backpack sat under the bench.

Draft check: Keep at to name the place, on for the swing I used, and under to say my backpack was below the bench.

Accept correctly underlined prepositional phrases that begin with a preposition and end with its object. For Part 3, accept any two complete sentences with at least three correctly used and underlined prepositional phrases. Require a learner draft check with a reasoned keep-or-correct decision about preposition/phrase relationship correctness. A correct draft may need no change.