Who Is Talking?

Find the voice that tells each literary text.

3.RL.2.C "Identify the narrator of a story and the speaker of a poem."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB In the story, underline words that show the narrator is part of the action. In the poem, circle two words or phrases that tell you who is speaking.

Beans at the Library

1. On Saturday, I carried a small packet of bean seeds to the library garden. Ms. Lee showed our club an empty spot beside the fence. I pressed three seeds into the soft soil and covered them gently. My friend Omar placed a sign nearby, so no one would step on our new garden bed by mistake.

2. Each week, I checked the bed after school. Tiny green shoots finally pushed through the dirt, and I called Omar to look. We made a chart to measure the plants with a ruler. By June, long bean pods hung from the vines. I felt proud when Ms. Lee used our beans in a soup for the club.

3. I wake beneath the morning sun,
   My leaves lift high for rain.
   A child gives water at my roots,
   Then measures me again.
   I climb the fence with curling vines,
   And flowers shine like stars.
   Soon I grow long, green pods to pick,
   For soup in steaming jars.
   I sway happily whenever garden friends pass by.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who is the narrator of the story in the first two paragraphs?

2. Write one word or phrase from the story that shows the narrator is part of the action.

3. Who is the speaker of the poem?

4. What are two details from the poem that help you know who is speaking?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-line poem spoken by an object, animal, or plant. Underline two clues that show who is speaking, then write one sentence that names the speaker.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.RL.2.C

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

In the story, underline words that show the narrator is part of the action. In the poem, circle two words or phrases that tell you who is speaking. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who is the narrator of the story in the first two paragraphs?	**The child who plants and cares for the bean seeds. Accept an equivalent accurate description of this child narrator.**
2	Write one word or phrase from the story that shows the narrator is part of the action.	**Answers may include "I carried," "I pressed," "I checked," or "I felt proud."**
3	Who is the speaker of the poem?	**A bean plant growing in the garden.**
4	What are two details from the poem that help you know who is speaking?	**Answers may include that it has leaves and roots, climbs the fence with vines, and grows green pods. Accept other accurate identifying details from this poem.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My wheels hum down the street.
I carry a backpack to school.
My handlebars turn left and right.
I rest beside the classroom door.

The speaker is a bicycle.

For Your Turn, accept an object, animal or plant speaker in a four-line original poem. Check two underlined clues that accurately identify the chosen speaker and a separate sentence naming it. The speaker need not be a bean plant or bicycle.