A Seed's Journey

Use headings and details to follow an informational text.

2.RI.10.a "Read and comprehend grade-appropriate text with increasing challenge in text difficulty and complexity (e.g., layout, text structure, language features, and knowledge demands)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the three bold headings. Underline one sentence in each part that helps explain its heading.

How a Dandelion Seed Travels

1. **On the Plant** A dandelion flower can turn into a round, white seed head. Each seed is attached to a tuft of thin hairs. The hairs spread out like a tiny umbrella. The seeds stay on the plant until a breeze comes along.

2. **In the Air** When the wind blows, some seeds break free. Their hairs catch the moving air. This helps the seeds float away from the plant. A strong wind may carry a seed much farther than a soft breeze can.

3. **On the Ground** At last, a seed falls to the soil. If it has enough water and light, it may begin to grow. A small root grows down, and a shoot grows up. One day, it may become a new dandelion.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does the first heading help you understand where the seeds are before the breeze comes?

2. In the second part, what does “This helps” point back to? How does it help the seeds travel?

3. How do the second and third parts fit together to tell the seed’s journey?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a new title for the whole passage. Then write two sentences explaining how your title fits what happens at the start and at the end.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the three bold headings. Underline one sentence in each part that helps explain its heading. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does the first heading help you understand where the seeds are before the breeze comes?	**The heading shows that the seeds are still on the plant.**
2	In the second part, what does "This helps" point back to? How does it help the seeds travel?	**It points back to the hairs catching moving air. That helps the seeds float away.**
3	How do the second and third parts fit together to tell the seed's journey?	**The seed floats through the air, then falls to the soil, where it may grow.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

From Plant to Plant
At the start, a seed hangs on a dandelion plant. At the end, it may grow into a new dandelion plant.

Accept any title that fits the whole journey and two sentences that connect it to accurate details from the beginning and end. For the marking job, accept any sentence in each part that clearly supports its heading.