Follow the Ants

Read headings and details to follow how ants find food.

2.RI.10 "By the end of the year, read and comprehend a variety of informational text. Read and comprehend grade-appropriate text with increasing challenge in text difficulty and complexity (e.g., layout, text structure, language features..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each bold heading. Underline one sentence under each heading that helps explain how ants get food back to the nest.

Ants at Work

1. **Find Food** A worker ant searches the ground for food. It may find a dead insect or a bit of fruit. One ant cannot always carry a large piece alone, so it needs help from other ants.

2. **Leave a Trail** On its way back to the nest, the ant leaves a scent trail on the ground. The scent is a smell that other ants can sense. They follow the trail from the nest to the food.

3. **Carry It Home** More ants reach the food and take small pieces back to the nest. Some ants feed the pieces to young ants called larvae. As ants walk the path again, they can add more scent to the trail.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What do the bold headings show about the order of the ants' work?

2. How does a scent trail help ants bring food to the nest?

3. You want to learn what larvae eat. Which heading should you use, and what will you learn there?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a topic for an information book you would read next. Write two sentences: tell what you want to learn and explain how a heading would help you find it.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each bold heading. Underline one sentence under each heading that helps explain how ants get food back to the nest. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What do the bold headings show about the order of the ants' work?	**The ants find food, leave a scent trail, and carry food home.**
2	How does a scent trail help ants bring food to the nest?	**Other ants follow the trail to the food. Then they carry pieces back to the nest.**
3	You want to learn what larvae eat. Which heading should you use, and what will you learn there?	**Use "Carry It Home." Ants feed the larvae pieces of food brought to the nest.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I want to learn how bats find food at night. I would look for a heading about bat food to find those facts.

Accept underlined sentences that connect to finding food, guiding other ants, or carrying food home. For the questions, accept equivalent wording that uses the passage accurately.