Ask the Gardener

Read a speaker's words, then ask and answer questions.

2.SL.3 "Ask and answer appropriate questions in response to a speaker in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle one detail you would ask Ms. Lee about. Underline two facts you could use to answer a classmate's questions.

Ms. Lee's Worm Bin

1. Ms. Lee told our class, "Our worm bin turns food scraps into soil food. I put apple peels and lettuce leaves inside. I do not add meat or cheese. Those foods can smell bad and draw pests."

2. She lifted the lid and said, "The worms live in damp, torn paper under the scraps. They need air, so the lid has small holes. I keep the bin in the shade because worms do not like bright light."

3. Then Ms. Lee said, "In a few weeks, I will find dark, crumbly worm castings in the bin. Castings are worm poop. I can mix them into the garden soil to help plants grow. Who has a question for me?"

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. You want to make sure you understand what "food scraps" means. What question could you ask Ms. Lee about what goes in the bin? Write your question and her answer.

2. You want to know more about the worms' home. Ask Ms. Lee where the worms live, then answer using her words.

3. You want to understand why Ms. Lee keeps the bin in the shade. Write a why question, then answer it from her talk.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A classmate says, "I found a beetle near our school." Write a question that would help you learn more. Then write a possible answer your classmate could give.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle one detail you would ask Ms. Lee about. Underline two facts you could use to answer a classmate's questions. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	You want to make sure you understand what "food scraps" means. What question could you ask Ms. Lee about what goes in the bin? Write your question and her answer.	**What food scraps go in the bin? Apple peels and lettuce leaves go in.**
2	You want to know more about the worms' home. Ask Ms. Lee where the worms live, then answer using her words.	**Where do the worms live? They live in damp, torn paper under the scraps.**
3	You want to understand why Ms. Lee keeps the bin in the shade. Write a why question, then answer it from her talk.	**Why do you keep the bin in the shade? Worms do not like bright light.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Where did you find the beetle? I found it under a log by the playground.

Accept other questions that fit each purpose and answers supported by Ms. Lee's talk. For Part 3, accept a possible answer that fits the student's question.