Ideas for School

A topic sentence names a topic and tells what the writer thinks.

2.W.1.a "Introduce an opinion using a topic sentence."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that introduces the writer's opinion in each paragraph. Circle the words in that sentence that show what the writer thinks.

Three Ideas for Our School

1. Our school should have a small garden. We could plant beans and watch them grow. A garden would give us a place to learn about plants with our own eyes. We could even pick the beans.

2. I think our class needs a quiet reading spot. A soft rug in one corner would give readers a place to sit. When the room gets busy, a calm spot could help us focus on our books.

3. Recess should include a box of jump ropes. Some kids like to jump alone, and others can jump with a friend. Ropes are easy to carry outside. They give us another fun way to move.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Copy the topic sentence in paragraph 1. Which word shows that it gives an opinion?

2. What does the writer think the class needs in paragraph 2? Which sentence tells you first?

3. What opinion does the topic sentence in paragraph 3 introduce? Name one detail that fits this opinion.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of something you would add to your classroom that is not named in the passage. Write a topic sentence that names it and tells your opinion. Then write one sentence that gives a reason.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.W.1.a

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that introduces the writer's opinion in each paragraph. Circle the words in that sentence that show what the writer thinks. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy the topic sentence in paragraph 1. Which word shows that it gives an opinion?	**Our school should have a small garden. The word "should" shows the writer's opinion.**
2	What does the writer think the class needs in paragraph 2? Which sentence tells you first?	**The writer thinks the class needs a quiet reading spot. The first sentence tells us.**
3	What opinion does the topic sentence in paragraph 3 introduce? Name one detail that fits this opinion.	**Recess should include a box of jump ropes. One fitting detail is that kids can jump alone or with a friend.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our classroom should have a puzzle shelf. Puzzles would give us a fun way to work together.

Accept a topic sentence that names a new classroom addition and clearly states an opinion. The second sentence should give a reason that fits that opinion.