Scraps Worth Saving

Read how linking words connect opinions and reasons.

2.W.1.c "Use grade-level appropriate linking words to connect the opinion and reasons (e.g., so, but, because, for example)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the linking words because, but, and so in the passage. Underline one opinion and the reason a linking word joins to it.

A Box for Scraps

1. Our class should keep a scrap paper box because we can use extra paper again. We often cut shapes from big sheets, so small pieces are left over. Those pieces can become notes or tiny drawings instead of trash.
2. Some scraps look too small to use, but they still have a clean side. For example, I can write a quick note on one. This is one reason I think a scrap box would be useful.
3. We cut paper by the art shelf, so I think our scrap box should sit there. We can put only clean scraps inside because we want them ready to use. A simple box can help our class waste less paper.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, which word joins the opinion about keeping a scrap box to a reason? What is the reason?

2. In paragraph 2, what two ideas does but join about small scraps?

3. In paragraph 3, which word joins a reason to the opinion about where the box should sit? What is the reason?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Where should your class put a reading basket? Write two sentences that give your opinion and two reasons. Use because in one sentence and so in the other.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.W.1.c

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the linking words because, but, and so in the passage. Underline one opinion and the reason a linking word joins to it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, which word joins the opinion about keeping a scrap box to a reason? What is the reason?	**Because. We can use extra paper again.**
2	In paragraph 2, what two ideas does but join about small scraps?	**Small scraps look too small to use, but they still have a clean side.**
3	In paragraph 3, which word joins a reason to the opinion about where the box should sit? What is the reason?	**So. We cut paper by the art shelf.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I think the reading basket should go by the window because the light helps us see the pages. The window is near our seats, so we can reach the books easily.

Accept equivalent wording in the short answers. For Your Turn, look for two sentences with an opinion, two distinct reasons, and the linking words because and so.