Bean Jar Opinion

Read how a writer supports an opinion.

2.W.1 "Write opinion pieces that: Introduce an opinion using a topic sentence. Supply reasons and details that support the opinion. Use grade-level appropriate linking words to connect the opinion and reasons (e.g., so, but, because…"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the first sentence that tells the writer's opinion, circle two linking words, and number two reasons that support the opinion.

Let's Grow Beans

1. Our class should grow bean plants by the window. Beans are fun to watch because their roots and stems change as they grow. We can put beans in a clear jar with damp paper towels and see roots grow.

2. Growing beans can also help us care for living things. For example, we can check the paper towels and add water when they feel dry. We can move the jar near a sunny window, but not leave the beans without water.

3. Our bean jar would not need much space. We could draw what we see in a notebook, so we would have a record of how the beans grow. That is why I think our class should grow beans.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which sentence tells the writer's opinion at the start? Which sentence brings it back at the end?

2. Name one reason the writer gives for growing beans. What detail supports that reason?

3. How does “For example” connect the ideas in paragraph 2?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write four sentences about one change you think our classroom should make. Start with your opinion, give two reasons with details, use because or so to link an idea, and end by stating your opinion again.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.W.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the first sentence that tells the writer's opinion, circle two linking words, and number two reasons that support the opinion. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which sentence tells the writer's opinion at the start? Which sentence brings it back at the end?	**The opening sentence is "Our class should grow bean plants by the window." The ending sentence is "That is why I think our class should grow beans."**
2	Name one reason the writer gives for growing beans. What detail supports that reason?	**Growing beans can help us care for living things. The writer says we can check the paper towels and add water when they feel dry.**
3	How does "For example" connect the ideas in paragraph 2?	**It introduces checking the paper towels and adding water as an example of caring for living things.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our class should make a quiet reading corner. It would help us read because we could sit away from busy tables. A basket of books would make stories easy to find, so we could start reading quickly. That is why I want a reading corner in our class.

For question 2, also accept that beans are fun to watch, supported by seeing their roots grow. For Your Turn, accept any classroom change with an opening opinion, two supported reasons, a linking word, and a concluding sentence.