One Sentence, Big Idea

Find the sentence that introduces the whole text

2.W.2.a "Provide introduction with a topic sentence."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells what the whole passage is about. Circle two words in that sentence that the rest of the passage explains.

A Busy Garden

1. A garden gives insects places to eat and hide. Bees visit flowers to sip sweet nectar. Ladybugs crawl under leaves when they need a safe spot. Even a small garden can be busy with tiny visitors.

2. A bee lands on a yellow flower. It drinks nectar with its long tongue. As it moves from flower to flower, it carries pollen on its body. The bee gets food, and the flowers may make seeds.

3. A ladybug may tuck itself under a leaf when rain falls. Leaves can block some of the drops. Other insects hide near plant stems or in the soil. A garden has many little spaces where insects can stay out of sight.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write the sentence you underlined.

2. How does that sentence fit both paragraph 2 and paragraph 3?

3. Would "A bee lands on a yellow flower" work as the first sentence for the whole passage? Why or why not?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose an animal other than a bee or ladybug. Write a topic sentence that introduces two things a reader could learn about it. Then write one detail sentence about each thing.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.W.2.a

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells what the whole passage is about. Circle two words in that sentence that the rest of the passage explains. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write the sentence you underlined.	**A garden gives insects places to eat and hide.**
2	How does that sentence fit both paragraph 2 and paragraph 3?	**Paragraph 2 tells how a bee eats. Paragraph 3 tells how insects hide.**
3	Would "A bee lands on a yellow flower" work as the first sentence for the whole passage? Why or why not?	**No. It is only about a bee, but the passage also tells how other insects hide.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Squirrels find food and build nests in trees. They eat nuts and seeds. They make nests from leaves and twigs.

Accept answers that identify the first sentence as the topic sentence and explain that it introduces both eating and hiding. For Your Turn, the first sentence should introduce both ideas developed in the two detail sentences.