Facts That Connect

Notice how a writer builds and closes an explanation.

2.W.2 "Write informative/explanatory texts that: Provide introduction with a topic sentence. Use facts and details to develop points. Use grade-level appropriate linking words and phrases to connect ideas..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that introduces the topic and the sentence that closes the text. Circle words or phrases that connect ideas.

A Snail on the Move

1. A land snail moves in a slow but clever way. Its soft body has one wide foot on the bottom. The foot makes tiny waves of motion. These waves push the snail across the ground.
2. First, the snail makes a slippery trail of slime. The slime helps its foot slide over rough places. Also, the snail can climb a wall or a plant stem. Its foot holds on as it moves.
3. The snail uses its feelers to sense what is nearby. When it senses danger, it pulls its soft body into its shell. In short, a snail's foot, slime, and shell help it travel and stay safe.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which sentence introduces the topic of the whole text?

2. What does the word “Also” tell you about the fact that follows it?

3. Which three things does the closing sentence name, and what does it say they do?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write four or five sentences explaining how to care for a library book. Begin with a topic sentence, add two details with linking words, and end with a closing sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.W.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that introduces the topic and the sentence that closes the text. Circle words or phrases that connect ideas. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which sentence introduces the topic of the whole text?	**A land snail moves in a slow but clever way.**
2	What does the word “Also” tell you about the fact that follows it?	**It adds another fact about how a snail moves: it can climb a wall or a plant stem.**
3	Which three things does the closing sentence name, and what does it say they do?	**The foot, slime, and shell help the snail travel and stay safe.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A library book needs gentle care. First, turn its pages with clean hands so they stay neat. Also, keep the book away from drinks so it does not get wet. These small steps help the next reader enjoy the book.

For the marking job, accept “First,” “Also,” and “In short” as connecting words or phrases. For Part 3, accept four or five sentences with a topic sentence, two useful details joined by linking words, and a closing sentence.