The Tiny Door

Find where sentences start and end.

3.RF.1 "There is not a grade 3 standard for this concept. Please see preceding grades for more information."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the first word of every sentence. Underline each sentence's ending mark so you can see where the next sentence begins.

The Door by the Garden

1. On Monday, our class found a tiny door beside the school garden. It was no taller than a pencil. A paper sign hung from its knob, but the letters were too small to read. Maya tapped the door with one finger. The door clicked! A brown beetle marched out wearing a leaf like a hat.

2. Where was the beetle going? It stopped by a puddle and pushed a pebble into the water. Tiny ripples reached three ants waiting on a dry leaf. The ants climbed onto the pebble and crossed the puddle without getting wet. Maya whispered to us, but no one could hear her over the wind. Could the beetle be helping its neighbors?

3. The beetle turned back toward the little door. Three ants followed it in a neat line. Just before the door shut, one ant dropped a crumb beside Maya's shoe. Was it a thank-you gift? Maya picked up the crumb and placed it near the ants' leaf. What a strange and busy morning! We went inside when the bell rang.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, what are the first and last words of the sentence after "The door clicked!"?

2. Write the first question in paragraph 2. What mark ends it?

3. In paragraph 3, what word begins the sentence after "Was it a thank-you gift?"?

4. How many sentences are in paragraph 3? Which ending marks did you count?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about a surprising event in a school garden: a statement, a question, and an exclamation, in that order. Start each sentence with a capital letter and end it with the right mark.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the first word of every sentence. Underline each sentence's ending mark so you can see where the next sentence begins. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, what are the first and last words of the sentence after "The door clicked!"?	**The first word is "A," and the last word is "hat."**
2	Write the first question in paragraph 2. What mark ends it?	**"Where was the beetle going?" It ends with a question mark.**
3	In paragraph 3, what word begins the sentence after "Was it a thank-you gift?"?	**Maya.**
4	How many sentences are in paragraph 3? Which ending marks did you count?	**Seven sentences: five periods, one question mark, and one exclamation mark.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A purple butterfly landed on our watering can. Did it like the drops of water? What a bright visitor!

Accept any original three-sentence response with a capitalized statement ending in a period, a capitalized question ending in a question mark, and a capitalized exclamation ending in an exclamation mark. This reviews a print concept from preceding grades because 3.RF.1 has no grade 3 expectation.