Where Rain Goes

Read a nonfiction text to connect its parts and plan what to read next.

3.RI.10 "By the end of the year, read and comprehend a variety of informational text. Read and comprehend grade-appropriate text with increasing challenge in text difficulty and complexity (e.g., layout, text structure, language features..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one sentence in each section that tells about the problem, how the garden works, or how to keep it working. Circle one word you can figure out using nearby clues.

The Work of a Rain Garden

1. **When rain rushes.** After a hard rain, water may race off roofs and sidewalks instead of sinking into soil. This moving water is called runoff. It can carry dirt into storm drains, which lead water away from streets. A rain garden is a shallow dip filled with plants. It catches some runoff before that water reaches a drain. Its job begins where rain falls on hard ground.

2. **Inside the garden.** Rainwater flows into the shallow dip and spreads out. The garden's loose soil lets water soak in slowly. Plant roots make spaces in the soil and take in some water too. A rain garden is not a pond. After a storm, its water should drain away, often within a day or two. This gives the ground time to absorb water instead of sending it all down the street.

3. **Choosing a spot.** A rain garden works best in a place where water already flows, but it should not sit right against a building. Too much water close to a foundation can cause trouble. Gardeners often choose plants that can handle both wet and dry days. They also pull weeds and clear away litter. These steps help water enter the soil and keep the garden working after many storms.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What clue in the first section helps you understand the word *runoff*?

2. Why does the author say a rain garden is not a pond? Use a detail from the second section.

3. How do the first and second sections work together to explain a rain garden?

4. You want to know where to put a rain garden. Which section would you reread, and what advice would you find?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write one question about rain gardens that this passage does not answer. Choose a type of nonfiction text you could read next, and explain why it fits your question.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one sentence in each section that tells about the problem, how the garden works, or how to keep it working. Circle one word you can figure out using nearby clues. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What clue in the first section helps you understand the word *runoff*?	**The text says water races off roofs and sidewalks instead of sinking into soil.**
2	Why does the author say a rain garden is not a pond? Use a detail from the second section.	**Its water should drain away after a storm, often within a day or two.**
3	How do the first and second sections work together to explain a rain garden?	**The first section explains the runoff problem and says the garden catches some water. The second explains how soil and roots help water soak in.**
4	You want to know where to put a rain garden. Which section would you reread, and what advice would you find?	**Reread "Choosing a spot." Put the garden where water already flows, but not right against a building.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Which flowers can grow in a rain garden near my school? I would look for a local plant guide. It could tell me which flowers grow in my area and how much water they need.

For the marking job, accept sentences that fit each section's purpose and a circled word supported by nearby clues. For Your Turn, accept any unanswered question paired with a nonfiction text type and a clear reason for that choice.