After the Rain

Find details that support ideas in an informational text.

6.RI.2.b "Identify key textual details to support the analysis."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the main point in each paragraph, then underline two details that help support that point.

What a Rain Garden Does

1. When rain falls on a parking lot, it cannot soak through the pavement. Instead, water rushes toward storm drains, carrying bits of litter and oil along with it. During a heavy storm, drains may fill faster than they can empty, leaving water across sidewalks or streets. Some neighborhoods build rain gardens to slow this rush. A rain garden is a shallow planted area placed where runoff can flow into it. Unlike an ordinary flower bed, it is designed to hold extra water for a short time before the water sinks into the ground.

2. Inside a rain garden, the soil and plants do different jobs. Loose soil gives water room to seep downward, while plant roots help keep that soil open. Leaves and stems slow moving water, so it does not wash soil away as easily. Some pollutants carried by runoff can become trapped in the soil instead of traveling straight into a stream. The garden does not make polluted water perfectly clean, but it can reduce the amount of runoff that reaches a drain all at once.

3. A rain garden needs the right location and regular care. Builders keep it away from building foundations so collected water does not cause trouble near a basement. They also choose plants that can handle both brief flooding and dry weather. After storms, someone may need to clear leaves or litter from the spot where water enters. Otherwise, water may flow past the garden instead of into it. When chosen carefully, flowering plants can also provide food for bees and butterflies, adding a benefit beyond managing storm water.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which two details from paragraph 1 support the idea that pavement can make heavy storms harder for a neighborhood to handle? Explain how they support it.

2. Which detail from paragraph 2 best supports the idea that rain gardens slow moving water? Explain your choice.

3. What detail from paragraph 3 supports the idea that the location of a rain garden matters? Explain how.

4. Use one detail from paragraph 3 to support the claim that a rain garden needs upkeep. Explain your choice.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Make a claim about two different benefits of rain gardens. Use one specific detail from paragraph 2 and one from paragraph 3, and explain how each detail supports your claim.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the main point in each paragraph, then underline two details that help support that point. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two details from paragraph 1 support the idea that pavement can make heavy storms harder for a neighborhood to handle? Explain how they support it.	**Rain cannot soak through pavement, and storm drains may fill faster than they can empty. Together, these details explain why water can collect on streets or sidewalks.**
2	Which detail from paragraph 2 best supports the idea that rain gardens slow moving water? Explain your choice.	**Leaves and stems slow moving water. This detail directly shows how plants reduce the water's speed.**
3	What detail from paragraph 3 supports the idea that the location of a rain garden matters? Explain how.	**Builders keep rain gardens away from building foundations so collected water does not cause trouble near a basement.**
4	Use one detail from paragraph 3 to support the claim that a rain garden needs upkeep. Explain your choice.	**Someone may need to clear leaves or litter from where water enters. If the entrance is blocked, water may flow past the garden.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Rain gardens can help waterways and wildlife. Paragraph 2 says that some pollutants become trapped in garden soil instead of traveling straight into a stream. This detail shows how a rain garden can keep some pollution out of waterways. Paragraph 3 says flowering plants can provide food for bees and butterflies. This detail shows how a rain garden can also help wildlife.

Accept other accurate details when the student explains how each one supports the stated idea. For Your Turn, look for two distinct benefits supported by details from the required paragraphs.