Ground and Water

Look for evidence of land shapes and water nearby

2-ESS2-2 "Obtain and evaluate information about the shapes and kinds of land and bodies of water in your local areas. (SEP: 8; DCI: ESS2.B; CCC: Stability/Change)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that describe the shapes of land, circle the names of bodies of water, and put a 1 beside the sentence that shows how Mina checked for change.

Mina's Walk

1. On a walk near her school, Mina sees a steep hill beside a wide, flat field. She climbs the hill and looks down at the field. These are two shapes of land in her town.

2. A narrow creek flows past the hill. Its water moves over small rocks. Near the field, Mina sees a pond. The pond's water sits in one place. Both are bodies of water, but they do not look alike.

3. After a dry week, Mina visits again. The creek still flows, but the pond's edge is farther from the path. Mina checks the same spot each time she visits. She can still see water in the pond.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which body of water moves? What did Mina see that tells you?

2. How can Mina tell that the hill and field have different shapes?

3. A friend says the pond is gone after the dry week. Is the friend right? Use two details from Mina's visit.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Describe one land shape near your home or school and a clue you have seen that shows its shape. Then name a nearby body of water, or tell how you could find out whether one is nearby.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words that describe the shapes of land, circle the names of bodies of water, and put a 1 beside the sentence that shows how Mina checked for change. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which body of water moves? What did Mina see that tells you?	**The creek moves. Mina saw its water flowing over small rocks.**
2	How can Mina tell that the hill and field have different shapes?	**The hill is steep, but the field is wide and flat.**
3	A friend says the pond is gone after the dry week. Is the friend right? Use two details from Mina's visit.	**No. The pond's edge is farther from the path, but Mina can still see water in it.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The ground near my home slopes down, and I can feel myself walking downhill. I would ask a grown-up whether a river is nearby.

Accept any land shape supported by a clear observation. For water, accept a named local body of water or a reasonable way to find out whether one is nearby.