

Garden Talk Detectives

Notice when speakers ask and when they tell.

2.1.E “develop social communication such as distinguishing between asking and telling.”

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each question in quotation marks that asks something. Underline each sentence in quotation marks that tells something or gives directions.

Watering the Garden

- ① At the class garden, Mia held a small watering can. She said, “Can I water the bean plants?” Mr. Lee smiled and said, “Yes, please water the plants near the fence.”
- ② After watering, Mia pointed to a dry pot. She asked, “Do these flowers need water too?” Mr. Lee looked at the soil. He said, “The soil is dry, so the flowers need a drink.”
- ③ Mia filled the can again. Then she told her friend, “I will water this pot.” Her friend asked, “May I help you?” Mia answered, “Yes, you can carry the empty can.”

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Copy the asking sentence Mia says before she waters the bean plants.

2 What does Mr. Lee tell Mia after he looks at the soil?

3 Is "May I help you?" asking or telling? How do you know?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two sentences about helping during class. Write one asking sentence that asks for permission, then write one telling sentence that says what you will do.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each question in quotation marks that asks something. Underline each sentence in quotation marks that tells something or gives directions. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy the asking sentence Mia says before she waters the bean plants.	Can I water the bean plants?
2	What does Mr. Lee tell Mia after he looks at the soil?	The soil is dry, so the flowers need a drink.
3	Is "May I help you?" asking or telling? How do you know?	It is asking. It asks for permission and ends with a question mark.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

May I pass out the papers? I will put the books on the shelf.

Accept answers that correctly identify question sentences as asking and statements or directions as telling. For Part 3, accept any two related sentences with one clear permission question and one clear telling sentence.