

Garden Clue Hunt

Use text details to infer ideas the author does not say directly.

2.6.F "make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three details that help you infer how Maya feels about her plants. The details you underline are evidence for your thinking.

Maya's Bean Plants

- ① On Saturday, Maya carried a small box to the apartment garden. Inside were three bean plants she had grown on her sunny windowsill. She chose a bare spot beside the fence and pressed her lips together.
- ② Mr. Lee, the building helper, brought a shovel and a watering can. Maya dug holes, set each plant inside, and covered the roots. When a dog raced past, she stood in front of the plants until it was gone.
- ③ Each morning, Maya checked the soil with one finger. She carried water from her kitchen when the ground felt dry. Two weeks later, green leaves climbed the fence. Maya called her grandmother and said, "You should come see this."

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

- 1** What can you infer about Maya when she first chooses the bare spot? Use one detail from the passage as evidence.

- 2** What can you infer about how Maya treats her plants? Use two details from the passage as evidence.

- 3** What can you infer about Maya when the leaves climb the fence? Use one detail from the passage as evidence.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences. Infer what Maya hoped the bean plants would do when she planted them beside the fence, and use two details from the passage as evidence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three details that help you infer how Maya feels about her plants. The details you underline are evidence for your thinking. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What can you infer about Maya when she first chooses the bare spot? Use one detail from the passage as evidence.	Maya may feel unsure or concerned about the bare spot. She presses her lips together after choosing it.
2	What can you infer about how Maya treats her plants? Use two details from the passage as evidence.	Maya treats the plants carefully and protectively. She stands in front of them when the dog races past, and she checks the soil and brings water when it is dry.
3	What can you infer about Maya when the leaves climb the fence? Use one detail from the passage as evidence.	Maya feels proud or excited. She calls her grandmother and asks her to come see the plants.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Maya hoped the bean plants would climb the fence. She planted them beside the fence, and later their green leaves climbed it.

Accept reasonable inferences that are supported by details from the passage. Students may use different evidence if it clearly supports their idea.