

Garden Memory Links

Notice how a reader connects a story to life.

2.7.A “describe personal connections to a variety of sources;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two places where the narrator connects the garden to something from personal life. These connections show what the garden makes the narrator remember or think about.

A Morning at the Garden

- ① On Saturday, I visited the community garden with my aunt. We carried small seed packets and a watering can. I had planted beans in a cup at school, so the rows of soil felt familiar to me.
- ② My aunt showed me tiny green sprouts pushing through the dirt. I remembered checking my bean plant each morning. I wondered if the garden sprouts would grow tall enough to make shade for a butterfly.
- ③ Before we left, we picked ripe tomatoes. Their warm, sunny smell made me think of helping my dad make tomato soup. I wanted to bring home seeds because I like watching a plant change a little each day.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What school experience does the narrator connect to the rows of soil?

2 What does seeing the green sprouts make the narrator remember?

3 What family activity does the smell of tomatoes make the narrator think about?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two sentences about a connection you have to this garden story. Name one detail from the story and tell about something it makes you remember, do, or feel from your own life.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two places where the narrator connects the garden to something from personal life. These connections show what the garden makes the narrator remember or think about. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What school experience does the narrator connect to the rows of soil?	Planting beans in a cup at school.
2	What does seeing the green sprouts make the narrator remember?	Checking the bean plant each morning.
3	What family activity does the smell of tomatoes make the narrator think about?	Helping Dad make tomato soup.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The tomato plants remind me of my grandma's garden. I helped her pick red tomatoes for sandwiches last summer.

Accept answers that accurately identify the narrator's personal connections in the passage. For Part 3, accept any two sentences that name a story detail and clearly connect it to the student's own experience, memory, action, or feeling.