

Garden Claims

Read a persuasive garden proposal for facts and opinions.

2.9.E.ii "distinguishing facts from opinion; and"

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each fact you can check. Circle each opinion that tells what the writer thinks or wants.

A Garden for Our School

- ① Our school should grow a garden beside the playground. Plants need sunlight, water, air, and nutrients to grow. A garden would be the most exciting place to learn about plants. Students can watch seeds change into young plants.
- ② Carrots, lettuce, and beans can grow in gardens. Bees move pollen from flower to flower as they collect nectar. The garden should have bright yellow signs because yellow is the prettiest color. Everyone would love pulling carrots.
- ③ Garden tools must be used safely. A trowel is a small hand tool for digging soil, and gloves can protect hands. Our class needs a garden right away. It would make recess better than any game.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What fact does the passage give about what plants need?

2 Copy the opinion that compares recess with games.

3 Is the sentence about bees moving pollen a fact or an opinion? Tell why.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about a place at school you would like to improve. Write one fact and one opinion, and label each sentence Fact or Opinion.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each fact you can check. Circle each opinion that tells what the writer thinks or wants. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What fact does the passage give about what plants need?	Plants need sunlight, water, air, and nutrients to grow.
2	Copy the opinion that compares recess with games.	It would make recess better than any game.
3	Is the sentence about bees moving pollen a fact or an opinion? Tell why.	Fact. It can be checked by observing or learning about bees.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Fact: Students use the playground for outdoor play. Opinion: Our playground would be better with a shady bench.

Accept facts that can be checked and opinions that state a belief, choice, or feeling. For the open task, accept any school-related topic with one accurate fact and one clear opinion.