

Refill Station Case

Read an opinion model and trace its argument.

4.12.C “compose argumentative texts, including opinion essays, using genre characteristics and craft; and”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the first sentence, which states the writer's opinion. Circle the two sentences that begin with First and Second to mark the main reasons that support it.

A Refill Station for Recess

- ① Our school should add a water bottle refill station near the playground. During recess, students run, climb, and play in warm weather. A nearby station would make it easier to refill reusable bottles instead of waiting at an indoor fountain. The station would be a useful improvement for students and staff during busy recess times.
- ② First, the station would help students get water quickly. Drinking water after active play can help replace fluid lost through sweat. When the indoor fountain has a line, some students may skip a drink before class begins. A refill station outside would give students another place to get water, so recess could end more smoothly.
- ③ Second, the station would reduce the number of single-use plastic bottles used at school. Students who carry reusable bottles could fill them again rather than buy or open another drink. Using fewer disposable bottles means less trash in classroom and playground bins. For these reasons, the school should add a refill station before next summer.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is the writer's opinion, or claim?

2 What is the first main reason? Give one detail that supports this reason.

3 What is the second main reason? Give one detail that supports this reason.

4 How does the final sentence work as a conclusion?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose one improvement you think your school should make. Write a four-sentence opinion paragraph: state your claim, give one reason, add a specific supporting detail, and end with a concluding sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the first sentence, which states the writer's opinion. Circle the two sentences that begin with First and Second to mark the main reasons that support it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the writer's opinion, or claim?	The school should add a water bottle refill station near the playground.
2	What is the first main reason? Give one detail that supports this reason.	The first main reason is that the station would help students get water quickly. One supporting detail is that students may skip a drink when the indoor fountain has a line.
3	What is the second main reason? Give one detail that supports this reason.	The second main reason is that the station would reduce single-use plastic bottles used at school. One supporting detail is that reusable bottles can be filled again instead of using another drink bottle.
4	How does the final sentence work as a conclusion?	It restates the writer's opinion and tells when the school should add the station.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our school should add a covered bike rack near the front entrance. First, a roof over the rack would keep bicycles drier during rainy weather. Students could arrive in the morning and leave their bikes without wet seats or handlebars. For these reasons, a covered bike rack would make riding to school easier.

Accept equivalent wording for the claim, reasons, and supporting details when it matches the passage. For Part 3, accept any reasonable school improvement with a clear claim, one reason, a specific detail, and a concluding sentence.