

Garden Wordplay

Use context to uncover adages and puns.

5.3.D "identify, use, and explain the meaning of adages and puns."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the two adages in the passage. Circle the word in Leon's pun that has two meanings, then use the nearby details to figure out each saying or joke.

Market Garden Morning

- ① On Saturday, Maya arrived at the community garden before the sun had warmed the paths. Her neighbor Mr. Ortiz was unlocking the tool shed. He smiled and said, "The early bird catches the worm." Maya picked up a watering can and joined him. Soon, they found a row of drooping bean plants that needed water before the day grew hot.
- ② While they worked, Maya's friend Leon carried a basket of corn. He announced, "I have a joke about this corn, but it is too corny." Leon waited for a laugh, then pointed at the basket. Maya groaned, but Mr. Ortiz laughed. They added the corn to the harvest table beside carrots, peppers, and squash for the afternoon market.
- ③ At noon, volunteers packed the vegetables for the market. A sign near the gate read, "Many hands make light work." Maya noticed that each person had a small job, such as tying bunches, lifting boxes, or sweeping soil. When the last crate was loaded, the group had finished before lunch ended. Maya wrote the sign's words in her notebook.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What adage does Mr. Ortiz say in paragraph 1?

2 What lesson does Mr. Ortiz's adage give?

3 Which word makes Leon's joke a pun?

4 Explain the two meanings of corny in Leon's pun.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write an original adage about teamwork, then explain its lesson in one sentence. Write an original pun about a food or plant, then explain the two meanings that make it a pun.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the two adages in the passage. Circle the word in Leon's pun that has two meanings, then use the nearby details to figure out each saying or joke. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What adage does Mr. Ortiz say in paragraph 1?	"The early bird catches the worm."
2	What lesson does Mr. Ortiz's adage give?	Acting early can help a person find an opportunity or get a good result.
3	Which word makes Leon's joke a pun?	corny
4	Explain the two meanings of corny in Leon's pun.	Corny can mean related to corn. It can also mean a joke is old, silly, or not very funny.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A shared map shortens the journey. This adage means that people can reach a goal more easily when they plan together. At the plant sale, my basil made cents and scents. Cents are money earned, and scents are smells from the basil.

Accept equivalent explanations of the adages and pun when they match the context. For the open task, accept a reasonable adage-like saying with a lesson and a clear food or plant pun that explains both meanings.