

Garden Word Watch

Read a field report and inspect each tricky word choice.

7.10.D.ix “correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its/it's, affect/effect, there/their/they're, and to/two/too; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every use of its, it's, affect, effect, there, their, they're, to, two, and too. Above each underlined word, write a brief meaning label, such as possession, place, number, action, or extra.

Bee Visit Investigation

- ① On Saturday, the Riverbend Science Club surveyed insects in the school garden. Mia recorded each bee she saw, while Devon measured the flowers' height. Their notes showed that bees visited the purple asters most often. The group wanted to know whether shade would affect the number of visits. To test this, they placed small cloth screens beside two garden beds. They were careful not to block the bees' path, because the insects need open space to move from bloom to bloom.
- ② Before the experiment began, Ms. Chen checked each screen for tears. “It’s important that its edges stay flat,” she said. A loose edge could change the results. The students also made sure there was water nearby, but they did not leave sugary drinks there. They knew that too much sugar can attract insects that do not pollinate flowers. When the morning ended, the club discussed the effect of the screens on bee visits. They’re planning a second count next week.
- ③ At noon, the students returned to the garden with two clipboards. There, they counted bees for ten minutes beside each bed. One screen had slipped, so its lower corner touched a marigold. “It’s not in the right place,” Devon noted. The error could affect that bed’s total, and the group did not want an unfair effect in their report. They’re going to repeat the count tomorrow. Mia said the new data would be easier to compare if everyone used the same timer.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 In paragraph 1, why is affect correct in the phrase “shade would affect the number of visits”?

2 In paragraph 2, what does “It’s” mean, and what does “its” show in the sentence about the screen?

3 Find one example each of there, their, and they’re in the passage. Tell what each word means.

4 Give one example each of to, two, and too from the passage. Tell how each word is used.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a three-sentence field note about an outdoor observation. Use each of these words exactly once: its, it’s, affect, effect, there, their, they’re, to, two, and too.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every use of its, it's, affect, effect, there, their, they're, to, two, and too. Above each underlined word, write a brief meaning label, such as possession, place, number, action, or extra. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, why is affect correct in the phrase "shade would affect the number of visits"?	Affect is a verb meaning to influence.
2	In paragraph 2, what does "It's" mean, and what does "its" show in the sentence about the screen?	"It's" means "it is." "Its" shows that the edges belong to the screen.
3	Find one example each of there, their, and they're in the passage. Tell what each word means.	there was water nearby means in that place; Their notes means the notes belonging to the group; They're planning means they are planning.
4	Give one example each of to, two, and too from the passage. Tell how each word is used.	to know comes before a verb; two garden beds names a number; too much sugar means more than is needed.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

There are two puddles near the trail, and their edges are muddy. It's easy to see its reflection, but too much wind can affect the puddle's effect on the view. They're waiting beside the trail, recording another observation.

Accept correctly quoted examples from any paragraph when the explanation matches the word's use. For Part 3, check that the response has exactly three sentences and uses all ten target words once with correct spelling and meaning.