

Garden Decision

Read how community members view one school proposal differently.

4.19.E "identify different points of view about an issue, topic, historical event, or current event;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each person's or group's opinion, circle the reason that supports it, and number the different points of view you find.

A Garden at Brookside

- ① At Brookside Elementary, the student council suggested turning part of the grassy playground edge into a vegetable garden. The garden would have raised beds, a small tool shed, and a path for classes. The principal asked students, families, and neighbors to share their views before the school board decided whether to use school funds for the project.
- ② Many teachers supported the garden. They said students could observe plants during science lessons and grow food for the cafeteria. Fourth grader Lena agreed because she wanted a quieter place to work outside. Her father also favored the plan. He believed families could volunteer on weekends and help care for the beds when school is closed.
- ③ Some neighbors disagreed with using playground space. Mr. Ortiz worried that fewer grassy areas would leave less room for running and games. He also questioned whether the school could pay for water and repairs each year. Board member Ms. Chen suggested a smaller garden near the fence. Her idea could keep most of the grass while giving classes a garden.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What issue is the school board deciding?

2 What is the teachers' point of view about the garden? Give one reason for their view.

3 How are Lena's and her father's points of view alike?

4 How does Mr. Ortiz's point of view differ from Ms. Chen's point of view?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose a school issue, such as adding a water fountain, changing recess, or buying new books. Write two sentences that give two different points of view and one reason for each view.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each person's or group's opinion, circle the reason that supports it, and number the different points of view you find. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What issue is the school board deciding?	Whether to use school funds to turn part of the playground edge into a vegetable garden.
2	What is the teachers' point of view about the garden? Give one reason for their view.	The teachers support the garden because students could observe plants in science lessons or grow food for the cafeteria.
3	How are Lena's and her father's points of view alike?	Both Lena and her father favor the garden. Lena wants a quieter outdoor work space, and her father thinks families could help care for it.
4	How does Mr. Ortiz's point of view differ from Ms. Chen's point of view?	Mr. Ortiz is concerned about losing grassy play space and paying for the garden. Ms. Chen suggests a smaller garden near the fence as a compromise.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Some students think the school should add a water-bottle filling station because it could reduce plastic bottle trash. Other students think the school should spend the money on library books because the station could cost too much.

Accept any school-related issue with two clearly different points of view. Each point of view should include a sensible reason that supports it.