# Garden Vote

Find the opinion and the reasons that support it.

**2.W.1** "Modes and Purposes for Writing Write narratives that recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events and include details about the events and characters and use of time-related words to signal the event sequence..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline the one sentence that says what the writer thinks. Circle the two sentences that begin with One reason or Another reason to find the writer's reasons.

### A Garden for Our Class

1. Our class should plant a small vegetable garden by the playground. The garden could have two raised beds. During science time, our class could visit the beds and notice changes in the plants.

2. One reason is that a garden helps us learn about plants. For example, we can measure a bean plant each week and write its height on a chart. We can see how water, light, and care help the plant grow.

3. Another reason is that a garden can give our class fresh food to taste. After peas or lettuce are ready, we can pick them. Sharing the harvest at snack time lets classmates try food that the garden grew.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does the writer think the class should do?

2. What are the writer's two reasons for planting a garden?

3. What example shows students learning about plant growth? How does it support the first reason?

## 3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one idea that could make your school better. Write exactly three sentences: one sentence that tells your opinion and two sentences that each give a reason.

ANSWER KEY

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## PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the one sentence that says what the writer thinks. Circle the two sentences that begin with One reason or Another reason to find the writer's reasons. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

## PART 2 · ANSWERS

| # | QUESTION | ANSWER |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | What does the writer think the class should do? | **The class should plant a small vegetable garden by the playground.** |
| 2 | What are the writer's two reasons for planting a garden? | **A garden helps students learn about plants, and it gives the class fresh food to taste.** |
| 3 | What example shows students learning about plant growth? How does it support the first reason? | **Students can measure a bean plant each week and chart its height. This shows that the garden helps them learn about plants.** |

## PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our class should have a reading corner. It would give us a quiet place to read books. It could also help us share favorite stories.

Accept a clear school-related opinion followed by two reasons that support it. The reasons may be different from the sample if they match the student's opinion.