Topic Sentence Search

Spot clear topic sentences and the details that support them.

2.W.2.A.i "Engage in writing as a process to plan writing based on purpose and genre. This includes: Writing a clear topic sentence focusing on the main idea."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence in each paragraph that tells the main idea. Circle two details in each paragraph that support that sentence.

Our School Garden

1. A school garden gives children a place to learn outdoors. Students can plant seeds, pull weeds, and water young plants. They watch stems grow toward sunlight. The garden also gives butterflies and bees flowers to visit.

2. A school garden can grow food for the cafeteria. In spring, students may plant lettuce, peas, and carrots. Later, cooks can use some vegetables in salads or soups. Sharing garden food helps students see where meals begin.

3. Working in a school garden teaches students to care for living things. Garden jobs must be done often, even when plants are small. Students check soil, add water when needed, and remove weeds that crowd plants. These actions help the garden stay healthy.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Copy the topic sentence from paragraph 1.

2. Copy the topic sentence from paragraph 2.

3. Copy the sentence in paragraph 3 that gives examples of garden jobs.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence informational paragraph about one school tool. Make your first sentence a clear topic sentence, then add two sentences with details about the tool.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.W.2.A.i

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence in each paragraph that tells the main idea. Circle two details in each paragraph that support that sentence. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy the topic sentence from paragraph 1.	**A school garden gives children a place to learn outdoors.**
2	Copy the topic sentence from paragraph 2.	**A school garden can grow food for the cafeteria.**
3	Copy the sentence in paragraph 3 that gives examples of garden jobs.	**Students check soil, add water when needed, and remove weeds that crowd plants.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A pencil is an important tool for schoolwork. It helps students write words and solve math problems. A good eraser fixes small mistakes.

Accept topic sentences that clearly name the paragraph's main idea. For Part 3, accept any school tool if the first sentence is focused and the next two sentences give related details.