Garden Word Clues

Find apostrophes that show missing letters or ownership.

3.LU.2.B "Use apostrophes to form contractions and frequently occurring possessions in writing."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each contraction and circle each word with an apostrophe that shows ownership, so you can see the two jobs an apostrophe can do.

A Visit to the Garden

1. On Saturday, Maya's class visited the town garden. Mr. Lee said, "We're here to check the bean plants." The garden's gate squeaked as the students walked in. Maya carried the class's clipboard, and Jonah brought a map of the beds. "Don't step on the seedlings," Jonah said. Everyone stayed on the path. Near the fence, bees buzzed around yellow flowers.

2. At the first bed, Mr. Lee showed the group a leaf with tiny holes. "It's a sign that insects have been eating," he explained. Maya wrote the note on the clipboard. Then she checked a plant's stem and found an inchworm. "I'll move it to a jar for a closer look," she said. The team watched the worm curl into a small loop.

3. Before leaving, the students watered the thirsty beds. The hose's spray made dark spots on the soil. "We've finished our jobs," Mr. Lee said. Maya saw a robin near the tool shed. Its beak held a bit of grass for a nest. She smiled and said, "That bird can't be far from home." At noon, the class returned to school.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write two contractions from paragraph 1. Then write the two words each contraction stands for.

2. What two words are joined to make the contraction It's in paragraph 2?

3. In the phrase "Maya's class," does the apostrophe show one Maya or more than one Maya? Explain using the word's ending.

4. The passage says "hose's spray." Rewrite that idea using of instead of an apostrophe.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about helping outside. Use at least one contraction and two possessive words with apostrophes.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each contraction and circle each word with an apostrophe that shows ownership, so you can see the two jobs an apostrophe can do. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write two contractions from paragraph 1. Then write the two words each contraction stands for.	**We're = we are; Don't = do not.**
2	What two words are joined to make the contraction It's in paragraph 2?	**it is**
3	In the phrase "Maya's class," does the apostrophe show one Maya or more than one Maya? Explain using the word's ending.	**One Maya. The singular name Maya has 's.**
4	The passage says "hose's spray." Rewrite that idea using of instead of an apostrophe.	**the spray of the hose**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I can't find the park's rake. My sister's gloves are under the bench.

Accept correct contractions that replace missing letters and correct singular possessives with 's. For the open task, accept any sensible two sentences that include at least one contraction and two ownership words with apostrophes.