Seed Travel Stories

Compare how two plants spread seeds.

3.RI.3 "Integration of Concepts Use prior (experience) and background (content) knowledge as context for new learning. Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the important point in each labeled text. Circle the details that show how the two kinds of seeds travel, and number the travel steps in each text.

Two Ways Seeds Travel

1. Text 1: A burdock plant makes round seed heads covered with tiny hooks. When a deer or dog brushes past, the hooks catch on its fur. The animal may carry the seeds far from the parent plant. Later, the seeds can fall off in a new place. This method gives burdock seeds a ride without the plant moving.

2. Text 2: A maple tree sends out seeds with wide, papery wings. When wind blows, the wings make the seeds spin like little helicopters. Spinning slows their fall, so the wind can carry them away from the parent tree. Maple seeds do not need an animal to travel. Their wing shape helps them use moving air well.

3. Both plants spread seeds away from the parent, which can help new plants avoid crowding. Burdock and maple seeds travel in different ways. Burdock seeds use hooks and an animal's fur, while maple seeds use wings and wind. The steps also differ. First, a burdock seed catches on fur, then it drops. A maple seed begins spinning when wind lifts it, then it lands.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What important point do Text 1 and Text 2 share?

2. What does each kind of seed use to travel?

3. How do the travel steps differ? Write the burdock steps and the maple steps in order.

4. If there is no wind, which text describes a seed that can still travel? Explain using a detail from the text.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences that compare burdock and maple seed travel. State one shared important point, tell one difference using details from both texts, and explain one travel step in order.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the important point in each labeled text. Circle the details that show how the two kinds of seeds travel, and number the travel steps in each text. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What important point do Text 1 and Text 2 share?	**Both texts explain how a plant spreads seeds away from its parent plant.**
2	What does each kind of seed use to travel?	**Burdock seeds use hooks and an animal's fur. Maple seeds use papery wings and wind.**
3	How do the travel steps differ? Write the burdock steps and the maple steps in order.	**A burdock seed catches on fur, then drops in a new place. A maple seed spins when wind lifts it, then lands.**
4	If there is no wind, which text describes a seed that can still travel? Explain using a detail from the text.	**Text 1. A burdock seed can catch on an animal's fur and be carried away.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Both burdock and maple plants spread seeds away from the parent plant. Burdock seeds hook onto animal fur, but maple seeds use papery wings and wind. After a burdock seed catches on fur, it can drop in a new place.

Accept equivalent wording that identifies the shared purpose, the different seed features and helpers, and the correct order of events. For the open task, check for three sentences, a comparison supported by details from both texts, and one accurate sequence.