Bird Feeder Steps

Notice how transitions connect actions and ideas.

3.W.2.A.iv "Engage in writing as a process to compose a well-developed paragraph. This includes: Using transition words to vary sentence structure."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the transition words and phrases that show time, order, contrast, or an added idea. Circle the transition that shows a contrast.

Maya's Pinecone Feeder

1. On a chilly morning, Maya decided to make a simple bird feeder. First, she spread peanut butter over a pinecone with a craft stick. Next, she rolled the sticky pinecone in birdseed. The seeds clung to the peanut butter. After that, Maya tied a string around the top. Soon, her feeder was ready to hang outside.

2. Before Maya hung the feeder, she chose a quiet tree branch. She asked an adult to help her reach a safe spot. Then, the adult tied the string to a branch away from windows. Maya stepped back and watched. A small chickadee landed nearby. A few minutes later, it pecked at the seeds. The feeder had its first visitor.

3. Each day, Maya checked the feeder from indoors. If the seeds were low, she added more while an adult helped. However, she did not put out too much food at once. Wet seeds can spoil. In addition, Maya cleaned the pinecone when it became messy. By caring for the feeder, she gave birds a useful place to find food.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write two transitions that show the order of making the feeder.

2. Which transition tells when the chickadee pecked at the seeds?

3. What two ideas does However contrast in paragraph 3?

4. Copy the transition that adds another feeder-care task in paragraph 3.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence paragraph about caring for an animal, plant, or object. Use at least three transitions, with one at the beginning of a sentence and one in the middle of a sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.W.2.A.iv

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the transition words and phrases that show time, order, contrast, or an added idea. Circle the transition that shows a contrast. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write two transitions that show the order of making the feeder.	**First and Next. Accept After that as another correct choice.**
2	Which transition tells when the chickadee pecked at the seeds?	**A few minutes later.**
3	What two ideas does However contrast in paragraph 3?	**Maya adds seed when it is low, but she does not put out too much food at once.**
4	Copy the transition that adds another feeder-care task in paragraph 3.	**In addition.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First, I fill my cat's water bowl each morning. I wash the bowl, and then I add fresh water. Next, I give my cat a small scoop of food. Finally, I put the food bag away so it stays closed.

Accept correctly copied transitions that fit each question. For Part 3, accept a clear four-sentence paragraph with at least three meaningful transitions, including one sentence-opening transition and one transition used in the middle of a sentence.