Garden Spelling Sleuths

Use a reference source to check exact spellings.

4.LU.2.E "Consult reference materials to check and correct spelling."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the four words in the draft that need a spelling check, then use a dictionary or approved spelling reference to write each correct spelling beside it.

Garden News Draft

1. On Monday, the Garden Club began a weather chart beside its raised beds. Students measured rainfall with a clear gauge and wrote the result in millimeters. The chart helps gardeners notice patterns, becuase plants need different amounts of water during dry and rainy weeks. Before planting seeds, the group also recorded the afternoon temprature in the soil.

2. On Tuesday, the club used a field guide to identify insects near the beans. A ladybug rested on a leaf, while a bee moved between blossoms. The guide explained that some insects help a garden by moving pollen or eating pests. Careful notes are neccessary, so the club can compare which insects visit each plant over time.

3. On Friday, students planned a sign asking families to visit the garden after school. They checked facts with the school office, including the opening time and the path visitors should use. The principal said the sign must be clear, since visitors will read it quickly. The club also checked whether permission was needed from the local goverment for a sidewalk table.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Use a dictionary to check becuase in paragraph 1. What spelling should replace it?

2. Use a dictionary to check temprature in paragraph 1. What spelling should replace it?

3. Use a dictionary to check neccessary in paragraph 2. What spelling should replace it?

4. Use a dictionary to check goverment in paragraph 3. What spelling should replace it?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences for a notice about a school activity. Use a dictionary or approved spelling reference to check two words that do not appear in the garden draft, and underline those two words in your notice.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.LU.2.E

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the four words in the draft that need a spelling check, then use a dictionary or approved spelling reference to write each correct spelling beside it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Use a dictionary to check becuase in paragraph 1. What spelling should replace it?	**because**
2	Use a dictionary to check temprature in paragraph 1. What spelling should replace it?	**temperature**
3	Use a dictionary to check neccessary in paragraph 2. What spelling should replace it?	**necessary**
4	Use a dictionary to check goverment in paragraph 3. What spelling should replace it?	**government**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our _robotics_ team will demonstrate its project in the library. Visitors can ask questions about the machine. The _presentation_ begins at four o'clock.

Accept the four dictionary spellings shown in the key. For Part 3, accept any three related sentences with two underlined words that were checked with an appropriate reference source and do not appear in the passage.