

Clear Cursive Garden

Study a model of readable cursive, then write with care.

5.FFW.1.B "Maintain legible cursive."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three words with letter joins you can copy smoothly, then circle the capital letter at the start of each paragraph. These marks help you notice clear joins, spacing, and capitals before you write.

Maya's Garden Notes

- ① On Saturday, Maya visited the Willow Creek garden with her grandfather. A wooden sign welcomed guests near the gate. Maya carried a small notebook because she wanted to record what she saw. She wrote in cursive, forming each letter carefully and leaving spaces between words. Her notes helped her remember the bright zinnias, buzzing bees, and cool shade beneath the maple trees.
- ② At the herb bed, Grandfather showed Maya rosemary, mint, and basil. Maya copied the plant names slowly. She made the tall letters rise to the same height and kept the lower letters resting on an imaginary line. When a word had two parts, such as "lemon balm," she left a clear space. Her writing was easy for Grandfather to read.
- ③ Before leaving, Maya wrote a final sentence: "The garden feels peaceful today." She checked that her capital T was larger than the other letters. Then she looked at the joins in each word and rewrote one crowded word. At home, Maya shared her notebook with her brother. He could read every line, so they planned to visit the garden again when the pumpkins were ready.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Copy the two-word garden name from paragraph 1 in legible cursive.

- 2 Copy the two-word plant name from paragraph 2 in legible cursive. Leave a clear space between the words.

- 3 Copy Maya's final sentence from paragraph 3 in legible cursive. Make the capital letter easy to read.

- 4 Copy the word in paragraph 3 that describes writing that is too close together. Form each letter clearly.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write exactly two sentences, 20 to 30 words total, about a place you would like to visit. Use legible cursive with clear letter joins, spaces between words, and a readable capital letter at the beginning of each sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline three words with letter joins you can copy smoothly, then circle the capital letter at the start of each paragraph. These marks help you notice clear joins, spacing, and capitals before you write. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy the two-word garden name from paragraph 1 in legible cursive.	Willow Creek
2	Copy the two-word plant name from paragraph 2 in legible cursive. Leave a clear space between the words.	lemon balm
3	Copy Maya's final sentence from paragraph 3 in legible cursive. Make the capital letter easy to read.	The garden feels peaceful today.
4	Copy the word in paragraph 3 that describes writing that is too close together. Form each letter clearly.	crowded

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would like to visit the quiet beach at sunrise. I would collect smooth shells and watch gulls circle above the waves.

Accept the exact passage words or sentence when copied in readable cursive. Look for distinct letter shapes, connected letters where appropriate, clear word spaces, and correctly formed capital letters.