

Words With Purpose

See how deliberate choices shape a clear, organized proposal.

6.W.2.A.v "Generate and organize ideas using the writing process (planning, drafting, revising, editing) to develop multi-paragraph texts. This includes: Selecting vocabulary and information to enhance the central idea, tone, and voice."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline four words or phrases that make the proposal more specific. In the margin, label the main job of each paragraph.

A Garden Proposal

- ① Our school has an empty strip of grass beside the parking lot. It is mowed often, but it does little for students or wildlife. We could turn this space into a native plant garden. Coneflowers, milkweed, and little bluestem grow well in our region and need less watering after they take root. The garden would give butterflies food, give classes a place to observe insects, and make the entrance feel more welcoming for everyone.
- ② Before writing our proposal, our group listed what the principal might need to know: cost, care, safety, and learning benefits. Our first draft said the garden would be nice. During revision, we replaced nice with useful and lively, then added specific details about pollinators and science lessons. These choices made our central idea clearer: a native garden is a practical improvement, not just a decoration. We kept a respectful, hopeful voice because we wanted readers to consider the plan seriously.
- ③ Next, we edited the proposal carefully. We checked that every sentence had correct capitalization and punctuation. We changed the vague phrase lots of plants to a mix of native flowers and grasses. We also moved the sentence about student observations into the first paragraph, where it supports the main reason for the project. The final proposal has three paragraphs: the problem, the benefits, and a plan for planting and care. Clear organization helps the principal follow our thinking from beginning to end.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What central idea did the writers make clearer during revision?

2 Which two words replaced nice, and how do they improve the proposal's tone?

3 Why did the group add details about pollinators and science lessons?

4 Which change in paragraph 3 improves organization rather than grammar or punctuation?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one improvement your school could make. Write a three-paragraph proposal of 90 to 120 words using precise vocabulary and a respectful, hopeful voice. After your proposal, add one revision note and one editing note.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline four words or phrases that make the proposal more specific. In the margin, label the main job of each paragraph. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What central idea did the writers make clearer during revision?	A native garden is a practical improvement, not just a decoration.
2	Which two words replaced nice, and how do they improve the proposal's tone?	Useful and lively. They make the proposal sound more positive and purposeful.
3	Why did the group add details about pollinators and science lessons?	The details show learning benefits and make the central idea clearer.
4	Which change in paragraph 3 improves organization rather than grammar or punctuation?	Moving the sentence about student observations into the first paragraph.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Students who ride bicycles often leave them against fences or railings. Our school needs a covered bike rack near the main entrance. A rack would keep bicycles organized and protect them from rain. First, the rack would make the walkway safer. Bicycles would not block the path during arrival and dismissal. Second, a covered rack could encourage more students to ride, which may reduce car traffic near school. The principal could ask a local metal shop for a price estimate. The student council could survey riders to learn how many spaces are needed. This practical project would create a cleaner, safer entrance for everyone. Revision note: I replaced good with practical to explain why the project matters. Editing note: I corrected the first word of the last paragraph so it begins with a capital letter.

Accept underlined words or phrases that add specific information, such as native plant garden, coneflowers, pollinators, or a mix of native flowers and grasses. Paragraph labels may describe the introduction and proposal, revision choices, and editing and final organization.