Draft Detective

Read a student draft and mark edits for clear, correct writing.

6.W.3.B "Self-and peer-edit for capitalization, spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, paragraphing, and Standard English (See Language Usage for grade level expectations)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the draft. Underline words that need a capital letter or a spelling correction, circle punctuation or grammar errors, write a 1 beside any sentence fragment, and box the first sentence of each new topic paragraph.

Monarchs on the Move

1 Each fall, monarch butterflies begin a remarkable journey. Some monarchs travel from the United States and Canada to mountain forests in central Mexico. The butterflies cannot make the return trip in spring; later generations continue north. In our science club, we read about this migration and built a map for the hallway. our map showed arrows, resting areas, and dates. It also included a question for visitors: "How can people help monarchs in nearby gardens?"

2 First, club members checked several sources before making the display. they learned that monarch caterpillars eat milkweed leaves, while adult monarchs drink nectar from many flowers. One card tells visitors, "Plant native milkweed and avoid pesticides". Another card explains that the map are easy to read from the hall. The heading above it says "A Buterflys Journey South." Students added small drawings of flowers and a key for the colored arrows. These details helped readers understand the long trip.

3 During lunch, the club invited classmates to add ideas to the display. Many students suggested a garden with native flowers. Because monarchs need places to rest and feed during migration. one student said "We could ask the principal for a sunny garden bed." The group made a list of jobs: measure the space, choose plants, and water seedlings. They planned to share the list at the next meeting, but nobody were sure who would speak. The final poster was almost finnished.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Correct these passage errors: our, they, one, and Buterflys.

2. Rewrite the quotation from the card in paragraph 2 with correct end punctuation.

3. Find the fragment in paragraph 3 and the subject-verb agreement error in paragraph 2. Rewrite both correctly.

4. Why should paragraph 2 stay separate from paragraph 1?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence announcement about the science club's garden plan in two paragraphs. Include one direct quotation and one list of three jobs, then edit your writing for capitalization, spelling, punctuation, complete sentences, paragraphing, and Standard English.

ANSWER KEY # Draft Detective

GRADE 6 · 6.W.3.B

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read the draft. Underline words that need a capital letter or a spelling correction, circle punctuation or grammar errors, write a 1 beside any sentence fragment, and box the first sentence of each new topic paragraph. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Correct these passage errors: our, they, one, and Buterflys.	**Our; They; One; Butterfly's.**
2	Rewrite the quotation from the card in paragraph 2 with correct end punctuation.	**"Plant native milkweed and avoid pesticides."**
3	Find the fragment in paragraph 3 and the subject-verb agreement error in paragraph 2. Rewrite both correctly.	**Monarchs need places to rest and feed during migration. The map is easy to read from the hall.**
4	Why should paragraph 2 stay separate from paragraph 1?	**Paragraph 2 develops a new main idea, the club's research and display details, while paragraph 1 introduces the monarch migration and map.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The science club will plan a small garden with native flowering plants for pollinators. Maya said, "We can measure the bed before we choose plants." On Friday, teams will measure the space, choose native plants, and make a watering schedule. The club will present its plan to the principal.

Accept equivalent correct revisions of the fragment and grammar errors. For the open task, check for four complete sentences in two paragraphs, a correctly punctuated quotation, a three-item list, and accurate editing.