

Clues Tell Stories

Ask questions, use clues, and draw a conclusion.

S.2.c “demonstrating curiosity and critical thinking through questioning and drawing conclusions;”

NAME _____

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the question the group asks. Circle the two clues the group uses to make its conclusion.

Objects Near the Station

- ① At the Riverbend Museum, a group of children studied objects found near an old train station. They saw a brass button, a ticket stub, and a small wrench. Maya wondered, “Why were these objects left together?”
- ② The children read that train workers wore buttons on their coats. They also learned that workers used wrenches to fix train parts. The ticket stub showed a ride from Riverbend to Oak Hill.
- ③ The group asked, “Could the objects have belonged to a train worker?” They used the button and wrench as clues. Then they concluded that a worker may have dropped the objects while traveling or working near the station.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What question did Maya ask about the objects?

2 Which two objects did the group use as clues that the objects may have belonged to a train worker?

3 What conclusion did the group draw from the clues?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Think of a place you know. Write one question about something you notice there, then write a conclusion using two clues.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the question the group asks. Circle the two clues the group uses to make its conclusion. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What question did Maya ask about the objects?	She asked why the objects were left together.
2	Which two objects did the group use as clues that the objects may have belonged to a train worker?	The brass button and the small wrench.
3	What conclusion did the group draw from the clues?	A train worker may have dropped the objects while traveling or working near the station.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I wonder why there are many small footprints near the garden. The muddy boots and tiny shovel make me conclude that children were planting seeds there.

Accept the stated question and the button and wrench as the two clues. For Your Turn, accept a sensible question, a conclusion, and two clues that support that conclusion.