

Plant Helpers

Read how plants meet animals' needs.

2.8.b "plants provide oxygen, homes, and food for many animals; and"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that tell how plants help animals. Write 1 beside oxygen, 2 beside homes, and 3 beside food.

Plants Help Meadow Animals

- ① In a meadow, green plants use sunlight to make food. As plants grow, they release oxygen into the air. Rabbits, birds, and insects need oxygen to breathe. Animals cannot make the oxygen that plants add to the air.
- ② A tall oak tree can be a home for squirrels. Owls may rest in its branches. Ants can live near its roots. Plants also give animals places to hide from rain, wind, or danger.
- ③ Many animals eat plant parts. Deer nibble leaves, bees drink nectar, and mice eat seeds. When a caterpillar eats a leaf, it gets energy to grow. Plants support animals by providing oxygen, homes, and different kinds of food.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What do growing plants release, and why do animals need it?

2 Name two places near an oak tree where animals can live or rest.

3 How does a caterpillar get help from a plant?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Draw three panels about one kind of plant. Show an animal using the plant for oxygen in Panel 1, for a home in Panel 2, and for food in Panel 3. Label each panel oxygen, home, or food.

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PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words that tell how plants help animals. Write 1 beside oxygen, 2 beside homes, and 3 beside food. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What do growing plants release, and why do animals need it?	Growing plants release oxygen. Animals need oxygen to breathe.
2	Name two places near an oak tree where animals can live or rest.	Animals can live or rest in the branches and near the roots.
3	How does a caterpillar get help from a plant?	A caterpillar eats a leaf and gets energy to grow.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Panel 1: A fox breathes near a pine tree. Label: oxygen. Panel 2: A woodpecker rests in a hole in a pine tree. Label: home. Panel 3: A squirrel eats pine seeds from a pine tree. Label: food.

Accept answers that correctly connect plants with oxygen for breathing, places to live or hide, and plant food. For the drawing, accept any accurate plant and animal examples with all three labeled uses.