

Reading Comprehension: The Rooftop Garden - ANSWER KEY

Grade 5 | Reading an original short story and answering text-based questions

Correct answers with supporting evidence from the story.

1. Where was the school garden built?

- a) In the parking lot
- b) On the roof above the library (Evidence: "flat roof above the library")**
- c) Behind the gym
- d) In a classroom

2. Why did the class build low boxes along the wall?

- a) To keep birds away
- b) Because the wall was sunny
- c) Because the wind was weakest there (Evidence: "where the wind was weakest")**
- d) To make the roof look nice

3. How did students decide when to water the plants?

- a) They watered every hour
- b) They checked if the soil felt dry an inch down (Evidence: "If it felt dry an inch down")**
- c) They waited for rain
- d) Mr. Ortiz told them

4. Which word best describes how the other students felt at the END of the story?

- a) Bored
- b) Angry
- c) Interested (Evidence: "asked if they could help next year")**
- d) Scared

5. What is the main idea of the passage? Write 1-2 sentences.

Sample answer: With careful planning and hard work, Maya's class turned a gray roof into a successful garden and changed their classmates' minds.