Year 2 reading comprehension: Should We Have a Class Garden?

English · Reading comprehension
Level: Medium

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 5 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Circle the best answer. Look back at the text to find the words that tell you.
- A grown-up can read the text aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

Read this, then answer questions 1–5.



Should We Have a Class Garden?

Ava: I think we should dig a vegie garden behind our classroom. Liam: Great idea! I would grow pumpkins, and we could all eat them. Zara: But who would water it in the holidays? The plants might die. Ava: We could make a roster, and families could take turns. Liam: I like that. Then we could share the tomatoes, too. Zara: Hmm. A pot plant inside would be much easier. Ken did not say a word and kept drawing in his book.

1. How are Zara's and Ava's ideas different?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Ava wants a garden, but Zara would rather have a pot plant.

○ **B** Zara wants to grow pumpkins in the garden, but Ava does not.

○ **C** Ava wants a pot plant inside, but Zara wants to dig a garden.

2. Which two children both want a garden?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Ava and Zara together

○ **B** Liam and Ken together

○ **C** Ava and Liam

3. Zara says, "Hmm." What does this suggest?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** She has nothing to say and is falling asleep.

○ **B** She is happily humming a tune to herself.

○ **C** She is thinking and is not sure yet.

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4. Why does Ava suggest a roster?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** to answer Zara's worry about watering

○ **B** She wants to boss the other children.

○ **C** She wants Zara to do all the watering.

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5. Who is not sure about the garden?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Zara ○ **B** Liam ○ **C** Ava

Answer key

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1. A — Ava wants a garden, but Zara would rather have a pot plant.
Clues: ‘we should dig a vegie garden’, ‘A pot plant inside would be much easier’. Different ideas make people disagree. Ava wants a garden, but Zara would rather have a pot plant.

2. C — Ava and Liam
Clues: ‘we should dig a vegie garden’, ‘Great idea’. Two people who like an idea agree. Ava and Liam both want a garden.

3. C — She is thinking and is not sure yet.
Clues: ‘Hmm’, ‘would be much easier’. People say "hmm" while they think. Zara is thinking and is not sure yet.

4. A — to answer Zara's worry about watering
Clues: ‘who would water it in the holidays’, ‘a roster’. A roster shares jobs between people. Ava wants to answer Zara's worry about watering.

5. A — Zara
Clues: ‘But who would water it in the holidays’, ‘A pot plant inside would be much easier’. People who give worries are not sure. Zara is not sure about the garden.