

3rd Grade ELA

RI.3.9

Question **MP** 2 Alternate(s)

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This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A:

Look at the table from "Choosing and Planting Bulbs."

Flower Name	Color	Height	When It Blooms
tulip	pink	tall	spring
crocus	white	short	spring
iris	purple	tall	summer
daffodil	yellow	medium	spring
lily	red or white	medium	summer
begonia	pink	medium	summer

Based on the information in the table, choose the sentence that gives the BEST conclusion about which flowers to plant together in "Your Beautiful Garden."

- Begonias go best with tulips because they are the same color.
- Tulips and crocuses would look good together because they are different heights and different colors. ✓
- Lilies should be next to daffodils so neither flower blocks the sun from the other by being too tall.

Part B:

Click on the THREE sentences from "Your Beautiful Garden" that BEST support your answer in part A.

The first year I grew a garden, I planted only short, purple flowers. How boring! | **Now I know, though, to plant flowers together that look different.** ✓ | **In my opinion, a mix of a few colors in the same spot looks best.** ✓ | **Also, plant tall flowers with shorter flowers.** ✓ | **This will make your garden look more interesting. Another tip for getting your garden to stand out is to plant flowers in groups. That will look more natural than single flowers in a row.**

This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A:

Read the sentence from "Your Beautiful Garden."

A rainbow of flowers is a great way to add color to your yard.

Based on this sentence, what can a reader conclude about how this information is similar to the information found in "Choosing and Planting Bulbs"?

- A It shows that bulbs only make one color of flower.
- B It explains why rainbows form over gardens.
- C It describes how to plant flowers in the shape of a rainbow.
- D It shows that flowers come in a variety of colors and shapes.

Part B:

Which sentence from "Choosing and Planting Bulbs" BEST supports your answer in part A?

- A Different bulbs should be planted at different times.
- B The timeline below tells you when to plant different types of flower bulbs.
- C The chart tells the color and height of different flowers.
- D The chart also tells when each bulb will bloom.

**The first question must be correct for at least 1 point. Both questions correct will give 2 points.

Rationale

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Part A :

- A. Student(s) may have misinterpreted details from the texts and may have thought flower bulbs only produce one color.
- B. Student(s) may have thought the information shows why rainbows occur.
- C. Student(s) may have thought the information was explaining the steps of planting bulbs in a rainbow shape.
- D. Correct answer

Part B :

- A. Student(s) may have thought that bulbs should be planted at different times to form a rainbow pattern.
- B. Student(s) may have thought that bulbs turn different colors depending on when you plant the bulbs.
- C. Correct answer
- D. Student(s) may have thought bulbs will bloom when rainbows occur.

Read the paragraph from "Your Beautiful Garden."

It is best to make a plan before you start planting. Planning out your garden takes a little work. The work will pay off, though! Think about what time of year you want your flowers to bloom. Do you want them to look their best in the spring or summer? Make sure to plant your bulbs at the right time. Some bulbs need to be planted in the fall. Those are bulbs that need the cold temperatures of winter in order to grow. Other bulbs cannot stand the winter. Those bulbs should be planted in the spring.

Based on this information, what inference can be made about how lily bulbs do in cold temperatures in "Choosing and Planting Bulbs"? Support your answer with details from the passage.