

Writing SCA #1

Here is the perfect example of what students were expected to do on their writing short cycle assessments.

- Please take note of how this student went back to the text and underlined the information for the answers.
- Also notice how the student numbered information in the text to identify what question the underlined information went with.
- The student took the time to underline the information in the question that needed to be restated for their answer.
- Each question mark was circled to show that there will be 2 sentences for each answer. The student also wrote that there will be 1 or 2 sentences for the answers.
- All of these items were counted towards formatting and as one point per question. (If it had 2 questions then the format was 2 points.)
- The 4 point questions were broken down as (there were 2 questions)
 - 2 points for formatting (restating the questions)
 - 2 points for the correct answers
- The 2 point questions were broken down as
 - 1 point for formatting (restating the question)
 - 1 point for the correct answer



Trees

100% A

by Harry Behn

② Trees are the kindest things I know,
They do no harm, they simply grow

And spread a shade for sleepy cows,
And gather birds among their boughs.

They give us fruit in leaves above,
And wood to make our houses of,

And leaves to burn on Halloween,
And in the Spring new buds of green.

They are the first when day's begun
To touch the beams of morning sun,

They are the last to hold the light
When evening changes into night,

And when a moon floats on the sky
They hum a drowsy lullaby

Of sleepy children long ago...
Trees are the kindest things I know.

Notice how the student underlined the information in the text that was going to be used in the answer for #2.

Excellent
Job underlining &
going back to the text &
making reminder notes!

1. What is the purpose of this piece of literature? How do you know? (4pts.)

The purpose of this piece of literature is to entertain you. I know this because it wasn't trying to get you to do something or giving facts and information. The author just wanted to have a cute story.

2. How does the speaker in the poem know that trees are kind? (2 pts.)

The speaker in the poem knows that trees are kind because they do no harm they simply grow.

Here the student underlined the part of the question that needed to be restated in the answer. The question marks were circled and 2 sentences / 1 sentence was written to remind the student how many questions needed to be answered.

Antonio and Julio Learn a Lesson



Antonio and Julio were twins. They shared everything. They shared the same birthday, the same bedroom, and the same friends. They both played on the same soccer team, and both boys shared all the same toys.

④ One Saturday, Antonio and Julio went outside to play with their red wagon.
The twins loved the wagon. "I want to give my stuffed animals a ride," said Antonio.

"I want to collect rocks," said Julio. Both twins wanted to do different things with the same wagon. Antonio and Julio's mother heard the boys arguing and came outside.

"You boys must share the wagon," said Mother. Mother told Antonio and Julio to take turns with the wagon. The twins did not want to share the wagon.

A few days later, Antonio and Julio's mother brought home a pet kitten for the boys. "Can't we each have our own kitten?" asked the twins. They were tired of sharing everything.

"I'm sorry, but you must share one kitten," Mother said. "You will have to feed the kitten and make sure she does not get into anything." Now Antonio and Julio were even sharing a job.

A few days later, the kitten got into Mother's sewing basket. In just a few minutes, the kitten had scattered balls of yarn all over the room. Julio saw the kitten playing with the yarn. He quickly went to find Antonio to tell him what the kitten had done.

~~"Oh, no! It's our job to clean up the mess," cried Antonio. The boys quickly picked up the yarn and put it back in the basket. When the mess was cleaned up, Antonio and Julio made the kitten her own toy from a piece of yarn.~~

"Just think, Julio, two kittens would have made a bigger mess," said Antonio. "That's right," laughed Julio. "Maybe sharing isn't so bad after all!"

See, the student underlined the information in the text that was going to be used in the answer for #4.

2 sentences

3. What is the genre of this piece of literature? How do you know? (4 pts.)

The genre of this piece of literature is realistic fiction. I know this because it is a made up story and it could really happen.

1 sentence

4. What is the first thing Antonio and Julio did in the story? (2 pts.)

The first thing Antonio and Julio did in the story was they went outside to play with their red wagon.

Again, the student underlined the part of the question that needed to be restated in the answer. The question marks were circled and 2 sentences / 1 sentence was written to remind the student how many questions needed to be answered.

Do Plants Recycle?

By Erin Horner

Have you gone green? Do you recycle? Recycling is the process of taking waste products and turning them into something that can be reused. It is very good for planet Earth. When you recycle plastic milk jugs, for example, new materials like traffic cones and baby bathtubs can be made. Believe it or not, plants recycle, too. They don't recycle the same way we do, but they do take something used and turn it into something new. Plants use carbon dioxide, the waste product that people and animals exhale. They use this gas and other ingredients to make food for themselves. Plants use carbon dioxide, water, and sunlight to create glucose. This chemical change takes place in their leaves. It is called photosynthesis. This process has a waste product, too. It is oxygen. When plants photosynthesize, they release oxygen into the air. The planet needs people to "go green." Thankfully, plants already have! They're green and they recycle!

And on the last story, the student underlined the information in the text that was going to be used in the answer for #5.

5. What is the name of the chemical process plants do to make food for themselves? (2 pts.)

The name of the chemical process plants do to make food for themselves is called photosynthesis.

6. What is the genre of this piece of literature? How do you know? (4 pts.)

The genre of this piece of literature is to inform you. I know because it giving facts and information about how plants recycle.

For every question the student underlined the part of the question that needed to be restated in the answer. The question marks were circled and 2 sentences / 1 sentence was written to remind the student how many questions needed to be answered.