

A Schoolyard Full of Shade

TEACHER ANSWER KEY · CENTRAL IDEA

Use the evidence below to guide discussion. Accept accurate explanations in students' own words.

1. C — Shade can make a schoolyard more comfortable and useful.

The examples of reading, planning lessons, and working at art tables all show how shade improves outdoor spaces.

2. A — It shows that shade makes outdoor reading easier.

Shade reduces the bright light on pages, helping students use the schoolyard for reading.

3. D — It helps the teacher find shade at different times.

The map makes it easier to choose comfortable places for outdoor lessons as the shade moves.

4. B — Trees, walls, and a fabric sail block some sunlight.

This detail names three sources of shade, each helping students use an outdoor area.

Teaching note: Ask students to connect each detail using “This supports the idea because...” instead of simply copying sentences.

Discussion: Write the central idea in one sentence. Choose two details and explain how each supports your sentence.