

**Grade 4 Theme 2, Story 4**  
**“The Garden of Happiness”**

**LA.A.1.2.3 – Vocabulary – pg. 234**

1. Read this sentence from the story.

**Marisol inhaled the fresh-soil smell of spring.**

If *exhale* means to “breathe out,” what does *inhale* mean?

- A. breathe deeply  
(incorrect meaning)
- B. breathe in  
(correct answer)
- C. breathe loudly  
(incorrect meaning)
- D. breathe twice  
(incorrect meaning)

**LA.A.2.2.2 – Author’s Purpose – pg. 232-243**

2. Why did the author write the story “The Garden of Happiness”?

- A. to teach readers how to plant a garden  
(incorrect interpretation)
- B. to sadden readers with a story about dying plants  
(details that do not represent the author’s purpose)
- C. to tell readers how Marisol feels about sunflowers  
(details that do not represent the author’s purpose)
- D. to entertain readers with a story about teamwork  
(correct answer)

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**LA.E.2.2.1 – Cause and Effect – pg. 234**

3. What happened to make Marisol feel like she wanted a plot in the garden?
- A. She watched her neighbors as they cleaned up the vacant lot.  
(correct answer)
  - B. She decided to plant black-eyed peas and sweat potatoes.  
(incorrect cause)
  - C. She had a big flat seed but nowhere to plant it.  
(plausible but incorrect cause)
  - D. She noticed the teenagers across the street and wanted to work near them.  
(plausible but incorrect cause)

**LA.E.1.2.2 – Plot Development – pg. 234**

4. Marisol decides to use a bit of earth outside of the chain fence because
- A. That plot got more sunlight  
(plausible but incorrect)
  - B. all of the other plots were taken  
(correct answer)
  - C. that plot was closer to the mural  
(conclusion not appropriate)
  - D. the ground was already prepared  
(plausible but incorrect)

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**LA.A.2.2.1 – Main Idea – pg. 240**

5. What happened in the “Garden of Happiness” **AFTER** autumn began but **BEFORE** Marisol’s sunflower died?
- A. The mural was completed and Marisol laughed, danced and clapped her hands.  
(event drawn out of order)
  - B. The sunflower’s leaves turned down and started to dry.  
(correct answer)
  - C. The sunflower blossomed and looked beautiful in the garden.  
(event drawn out of order)
  - D. Marisol noticed the neighbors working on the “Garden of Happiness”.  
(facts or details not a main idea)