



Third Grade
MSTEP Homework Packet # 17

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Read the introduction and the story “Mrs. Cantu’s Gift” before answering Numbers 1 through 5.

Mita wrote this story about a special neighborhood event. Read her story and think about the changes she should make.

Mrs. Cantu’s Gift

(1) Our neighborhood is a large, friendly, and lively community.

(2) More than 30 families live here. (3) Last month, something wonderful happened in our neighborhood. (4) We created a community garden! (5) Mrs. Cantu thought on the idea. (6) She has a backyard vegetable garden that everyone admires, and next to the house is a large piece of land that is hers.

(7) “Not everyone has room for a garden,” said Mrs. Cantu, “so let’s build a garden that will benefit everyone in the neighborhood.”

(8) Mrs. Cantu taught music at our school until she retired last year.

(9) People in the community helped dig the garden, and Mrs. Cantu advised us about what to plant. (10) On Saturday, Mar. 3, everyone gathered at the garden to plant and water vegetable seeds. (11) Then we had a huge celebration. (12) Mrs. Cantu made a speech, and we ate sandwiches, apples and carrots for lunch.

(13) Families in the neighborhood will take turns caring for the garden and we will all share in the results. (14) What a great gift to the community!

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Now answer Numbers 1 through 5. Base your answers on the changes Mita should make.

- 1 What change should be made in sentence 5?
- (A) add a comma after *Mrs. Cantu*
 - (B) change *thought* to **thought**
 - (C) change *on* to **of**
 - (D) change the period to a question mark
- 2 What change should be made in sentence 10?
- (F) remove the comma after *Saturday*
 - (G) change *Mar.* to **March**
 - (H) change *gathered* to **gathered**
 - (I) add a comma after *garden*
- 3 What change should be made in sentence 12?
- (A) change *made* to **make**
 - (B) remove the comma after *speech*
 - (C) add a comma after *apples*
 - (D) change *for* to **in**
- 4 What change should be made in sentence 13?
- (F) change *Families* to **Family's**
 - (G) change *in* to **on**
 - (H) add a comma after *garden*
 - (I) change *share* to **sharing**

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- 5 Which sentence does NOT belong in this story?
- A sentence 2
 - B sentence 3
 - C sentence 4
 - D sentence 8

