

Gardens In The City Answer Key

1. Main Idea:

Urban gardens are becoming more common in cities because they provide food, improve community ties, and offer environmental benefits.

2. Supporting Details:

- They provide fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs where grocery stores may be far away.
- Urban gardens bring neighbors together and strengthen communities.
- Scientists find that plants in cities reduce air pollution and provide shade.
(any two of these are acceptable)

3. Reflection (Sample Answer):

Urban gardens help people in neighborhoods without nearby grocery stores by giving them easier access to healthy, fresh food. This can improve health and reduce reliance on expensive or unhealthy food options.

Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to notice that while there are several interesting facts, the main idea ties them all together under the topic of **why urban gardens are valuable in cities**.
- Accept variations of the main idea phrased differently, as long as students capture the central point (urban gardens provide benefits to communities and the environment).