Read the following argument, then follow the instructions.

* In the left column, label each part of the argument **Introduction**, **Body**, or **Conclusion**.
* In the introduction, circle the claim.
* In the body paragraphs, circle the reasons.
* Underline transition words or phrases throughout the text.

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| **Part of the Argument** | **School Garden** |
|  | Our school is **considering** buying the **vacant** lot next to the school.This lot should be used as a school garden. School gardens increase both fruit and vegetable **consumption** as well as improve academic achievement. |
|  | First of all, school gardens have been shown to improve students’ eating habits. A recent **survey** found that 73% of the students who work in a school garden reported an increase in their consumption of fruits and vegetables. This shows that kids are more likely to eat fruits and vegetables if they help to garden them. |
|  | Also, teachers see an increase in learning when students **tend** to a garden. For example, the gardens can be used to teach math concepts, such as measurement, geometry, and **data collection** or to learn the science of how plants grow. Having a school garden provides different learning experiences and enhances students’ learning outside of the classroom. |
|  | For all these reasons, the vacant lot would be best used as a school garden. Having a school garden benefits both the nutrition and learning of students. Please let the school board know that you support this option. |

**Vocabulary Supports**

**Considering**: Thinking about

**Consumption:** Eating

**Data collection:** The gathering of answers or inputs

**Survey:** Answers posed to a group, so answers can be collected and analyzed

**Tend**: Care for

**Vacant:** Empty or abandoned

**Examples of Common Transition Words**

**Showing Order, Sequence, or Time:**

First, second, third, next, then, finally

**Showing Relationship:**

Also, similarly, in addition, because, in order to, as a result, therefore, this shows that, for example, for all of these reasons

**Showing contrast**:

On the other hand, however, yet