Puddle Boat Voices

Reread a story with pauses and expression.

2.LF.12 "Read and reread grade-appropriate text accurately, automatically, and with meaningful expression at a rate which supports comprehension."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the story twice. Circle each question mark and exclamation point, and draw a small slash after each comma to plan your pauses and voice changes.

The Paper Boat Race

1 Maya and Ben made paper boats after the rain. They set them in a long puddle by the path. “Ready?” asked Maya. Ben grinned. “Go!” The boats slid away, side by side.

2 A breeze pushed Ben’s boat ahead. “Oh no, my boat is stuck!” Maya cried. Her boat had bumped a small stone. Ben bent down and moved the stone. “Try again,” he said.

3 Maya gave her boat a gentle push. It sailed past Ben’s boat and reached the end first. “You won!” Ben called. Maya laughed. “Next time, let’s make three boats.” They ran inside for more paper.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How should Maya's voice sound when she says "Ready?" Why?

2. In "Oh no, my boat is stuck!" which word should you pause after?

3. How should Ben's voice sound when he says "You won!" Why?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two new things Maya and Ben might say as they make more boats. Make one a question and one an excited statement. Underline one word in each sentence to show where your voice gets stronger, then read both sentences aloud twice.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read the story twice. Circle each question mark and exclamation point, and draw a small slash after each comma to plan your pauses and voice changes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How should Maya's voice sound when she says "Ready?" Why?	**Her voice should sound like she is asking a question because the sentence ends with a question mark.**
2	In "Oh no, my boat is stuck!" which word should you pause after?	**Pause after "no" because it is followed by a comma.**
3	How should Ben's voice sound when he says "You won!" Why?	**His voice should sound excited because Maya won and his words end with an exclamation point.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

"Can we make a big boat?" asked Maya. "Yes, let's try!" said Ben.

Accept voice descriptions that fit the question and exclamation marks. For Your Turn, check for two original sentences, one question and one excited statement, with one word underlined in each.