Words Take Flight

Use story clues to understand playful language.

2.LF.16.d "With prompting and support, interpret figurative language."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three phrases that do not mean exactly what they say, and circle nearby clues that help you figure out each meaning.

Mia's Pinwheels

1. On the morning of the school fair, Mia had butterflies in her stomach. She kept checking her paper pinwheels. Her hands shook a little. Then her friend Jo smiled and said, "You can do it."

2. Mia set a pinwheel on the table. A gust of wind sent it spinning. "It spins like a tiny dancer!" Jo said. The bright paper twirled around and around while the children watched.

3. By lunch, Mia had sold every pinwheel. She felt like she was on cloud nine. She smiled so much that her cheeks hurt. Jo gave her a high five, and they packed up the empty box.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does "butterflies in her stomach" tell you about Mia? What clue helps you know?

2. What does "like a tiny dancer" tell you about how the pinwheel moved?

3. What does "on cloud nine" tell you about how Mia felt? What clue helps you know?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a time you waited for something fun. Write one sentence comparing the wait to something else, using *like* or *as*. Write a second sentence telling what your comparison means.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline three phrases that do not mean exactly what they say, and circle nearby clues that help you figure out each meaning. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does "butterflies in her stomach" tell you about Mia? What clue helps you know?	**Mia was nervous. Her hands shook.**
2	What does "like a tiny dancer" tell you about how the pinwheel moved?	**The pinwheel spun and twirled.**
3	What does "on cloud nine" tell you about how Mia felt? What clue helps you know?	**Mia felt very happy. She smiled after selling every pinwheel.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Waiting for my birthday felt like watching a sleepy snail cross a road. I mean the wait seemed very slow.

For the marking job, accept clues such as "hands shook," "twirled," and "smiled." For Your Turn, accept an original comparison and an explanation that fits it.