Boat on the Move

Follow the events that solve a story problem.

2.LF.23.a "Explain the plot of a narrative, using textual evidence to list the major events in sequence."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline four events that show how Nia's boat got away and how she and Leo got it back. Number those events 1 to 4 in the order they happened.

The Runaway Boat

1. Nia folded a paper boat and set it in a puddle beside the path. A gust pushed the boat into a narrow stream. It sped toward a metal grate. Nia ran along the bank, but she could not reach it.

2. Nia grabbed a long twig, but it snapped when she dipped it in the water. Her friend Leo spotted a fallen branch. He held out the branch while Nia watched the boat drift closer.

3. The branch stopped the boat before it reached the grate. Leo pulled the branch to shore, and Nia picked up her wet boat. She set it on a flat rock to dry. Then they watched the stream rush past.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What happened to the boat first, and why did Nia run along the bank?

2. What did Nia try before Leo held out the branch? What happened?

3. How did Leo and Nia get the boat back? Tell the events in order.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine Leo never finds the fallen branch. Write three sentences telling a different way they save the boat. Put your new events in order, and use one detail from the story.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline four events that show how Nia's boat got away and how she and Leo got it back. Number those events 1 to 4 in the order they happened. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What happened to the boat first, and why did Nia run along the bank?	**A gust pushed the boat into the stream. Nia ran because it was speeding toward a metal grate.**
2	What did Nia try before Leo held out the branch? What happened?	**Nia dipped a long twig into the water, but it snapped.**
3	How did Leo and Nia get the boat back? Tell the events in order.	**Leo held out a branch that stopped the boat. He pulled the branch to shore, and Nia picked up the boat.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Nia saw that the boat was heading for the metal grate. She and Leo ran ahead and called to an adult for help. The adult used a long rake to stop the boat and pull it to shore.

For the marking job, accept four numbered events in order that show the boat getting away, Nia's failed try, Leo stopping it, and the boat coming back to shore. For Your Turn, accept a different, sensible sequence that uses a story detail.