The Red Splash

Find the lesson in a story.

2.LF.23.d "Identify the central message or moral of a story."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline where Leo tells the truth, and circle two ways he helps fix his mistake to find the story's lesson.

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1. At art time, Leo reached for the blue paint. His elbow bumped a jar of red paint. It spilled across the table and onto Nora's paper. Leo froze. Nora had worked all morning on her bright kite.

2. Leo wanted to slip away before anyone saw. But Nora stared at the red splash. Leo took a deep breath. He told Nora what had happened and got a cloth. Together, they wiped the table clean.

3. The paint on the paper would not come off. Leo gave Nora a fresh sheet and helped her paint a new kite. Nora smiled at him. Leo still felt bad, but he was glad he had told the truth and helped.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What lesson does Leo learn from his mistake?

2. How does Leo's choice to tell Nora what happened help show that lesson?

3. How does helping Nora paint a new kite show the story's lesson?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence story about a child who learns a lesson different from Leo's. Then write one sentence that tells the lesson.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline where Leo tells the truth, and circle two ways he helps fix his mistake to find the story's lesson. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What lesson does Leo learn from his mistake?	**Tell the truth about a mistake and try to make it right.**
2	How does Leo's choice to tell Nora what happened help show that lesson?	**Leo wants to slip away, but he tells Nora the truth instead of hiding his mistake.**
3	How does helping Nora paint a new kite show the story's lesson?	**Leo spoiled Nora's paper, so he helps her make a new kite. He tries to make his mistake right.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Sam wanted to play the drum right away. He practiced a little each day, even when the beat was hard. By Friday, he could keep a steady beat with the class. The lesson is that practice helps you get better.

Accept morals about telling the truth, taking responsibility, or trying to fix a mistake. For Part 3, look for a different lesson supported by the student's story.