One Puddle, Two Stories

Compare two views of the same recess event

2.LF.26.a "Compare and contrast different versions of the same story by different authors, from different cultures, or from different points of view."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline what both children say Mina did with the ball, and circle what each child says about who saw the ball first. These marks will help you compare their stories.

The Ball in the Puddle

1. At recess, a red ball rolled into a puddle. Mina and Leo ran after it. Both children reached for the ball, and their shoes got wet. Later, each child told what happened.

2. Mina's story: "I saw the ball first. I called to Leo, but he kept running. I stepped into the puddle and lifted the ball out. Leo splashed water on my socks when he ran up. I laughed anyway."

3. Leo's story: "Mina and I spotted the ball at the same time. I heard her call, so I ran to help. Mina lifted the ball from the puddle. I splashed water on her socks by mistake. She laughed, and I laughed too."

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What do both stories say happened to Mina's socks?

2. Who does Mina say saw the ball first? What does Leo say?

3. What does Mina say Leo did when she called? What does Leo say he did when he heard her?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two or three sentences about this recess event as a child watching nearby. Tell about one event that is in both stories, and add a new thought the watching child might have.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline what both children say Mina did with the ball, and circle what each child says about who saw the ball first. These marks will help you compare their stories. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What do both stories say happened to Mina's socks?	**Both say Leo splashed water on Mina's socks.**
2	Who does Mina say saw the ball first? What does Leo say?	**Mina says she saw it first. Leo says they saw it at the same time.**
3	What does Mina say Leo did when she called? What does Leo say he did when he heard her?	**Mina says Leo kept running. Leo says he ran to help.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I saw Mina lift the ball out of the puddle. I was glad the ball did not roll farther. I hoped they would keep playing.

Accept answers that accurately compare what both children tell or show how their views differ. For Your Turn, accept a nearby child's view that keeps a shared event and adds a new thought.