Two Windy Tales

Compare places, problems, and solutions in two short stories.

2.LF.26.b "Compare and contrast story elements of literary texts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each story's place, circle the item the wind moves in each story, and write 1 beside Mina's way of getting her item back and 2 beside Leo's way.

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1. At the pond, Mina built a tiny boat from a leaf. A gust blew it into the reeds. Mina could not reach it from the bank, so she found a long stick and gently pulled her boat back.

2. At the school yard, Leo hung his red scarf on a low branch while he played. A strong wind sent it high into the tree. Leo tried to jump for it, but his fingers could not touch the scarf.

3. Mina set her leaf boat on the pond again and watched it sail. Leo asked his friend Ada to help. Ada held the tree's branch down while Leo lifted the scarf free. He tied it around his neck.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How are Mina's and Leo's problems alike?

2. How are the places in Mina's and Leo's stories different?

3. How do Mina and Leo get their things back in different ways?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a new two-sentence story about a third character whose thing blows away. Use a place and a way to get it back that are different from both Mina's and Leo's.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each story's place, circle the item the wind moves in each story, and write 1 beside Mina's way of getting her item back and 2 beside Leo's way. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How are Mina's and Leo's problems alike?	**The wind moves each person's item out of reach.**
2	How are the places in Mina's and Leo's stories different?	**Mina is at a pond. Leo is at a school yard.**
3	How do Mina and Leo get their things back in different ways?	**Mina uses a stick to pull back her boat. Leo gets help from Ada, who holds down the branch so he can reach his scarf.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the park, Nia's hat blew under a bench. She crawled under the bench and grabbed it.

For the marking job, accept the pond and school yard as places, the boat and scarf as items, Mina's stick as way 1, and Ada's help with the branch as way 2. For Your Turn, accept any two-sentence story with a new character, a different place, and a different way to retrieve an item blown by the wind.