The Ball Rescue

Find the problem, solution, and order of events.

2.LF.27 "Identify the text structures within literary and informational texts, including cause and effect, problem and solution, and sequence of events."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Imani's problem, circle how it is solved, and number Imani's three actions in the middle paragraph in order.

The Ball Under the Bench

1. On the playground, Imani's red ball rolled under a bench. She could see it, but her arm was too short to reach it. A strong wind had pushed the ball away while she was setting up a game.

2. First, Imani tried to reach the ball with her hand. Next, she looked for a long stick, but there were none nearby. Then she asked the playground helper for help. The helper found a broom in the shed.

3. The helper slid the broom under the bench and gently pulled the ball out. Imani picked it up and put it in a bag so the wind could not blow it away again. Soon, her friends were ready to play.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What caused the ball to roll under the bench?

2. What was Imani's problem, and how was it solved?

3. What did Imani do first, next, and then to get the ball?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a short story about a different problem. Tell what caused it, give two actions in order, and tell how the problem was solved.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline Imani's problem, circle how it is solved, and number Imani's three actions in the middle paragraph in order. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What caused the ball to roll under the bench?	**A strong wind pushed the ball away.**
2	What was Imani's problem, and how was it solved?	**The ball was under a bench, and Imani could not reach it. The helper pulled it out with a broom.**
3	What did Imani do first, next, and then to get the ball?	**First she reached with her hand, next she looked for a stick, and then she asked the helper for help.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My toy car stopped rolling because a pebble was stuck in its wheel. First, I turned the car over. Next, I pulled out the pebble. Then the wheels rolled again.

For the marking job, accept underlining the ball being under the bench and Imani being unable to reach it. The circled solution should show the helper pulling out the ball with a broom; Imani's numbered actions are reaching, looking for a stick, and asking for help.