The Blue Marks

Use story clues to predict, check, and connect.

2.LF.30 "Read and comprehend literary and informational texts. a. State and confirm predictions about a text. b. Use background knowledge to make connections to new text. c. Draw conclusions based on the text."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the clue in paragraph 1 that helps you guess what made the blue marks. Circle clues in paragraph 2 that show whether that guess was right.

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1. When Sam came into the kitchen, he saw small blue marks on the floor. The marks led from the paint table to the back door. Sam looked at his little brother's tray of blue paint. “I think Pip walked through the paint,” he said.

2. Sam followed the marks. At the back door, he found Pip's toy truck. Its wheels were blue, but Pip's shoes were clean. Sam rolled the truck across a scrap of paper. It left two blue lines, just like the marks on the floor.

3. Pip came in with a wet cloth. “I was getting this to clean my truck,” he said. Sam helped him wipe the wheels and the floor. Then Sam put the truck on a sheet of paper until the paint was dry.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. After paragraph 1, what might have made the blue marks? What clue makes you think so?

2. Was Sam's guess about Pip walking through the paint right? Give a clue from paragraph 2.

3. Why did Sam leave the truck on paper? Use a clue from the story.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a time you cleaned up a mess. Write two sentences: tell what you did, then explain how that helps you understand why Pip got a cloth.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the clue in paragraph 1 that helps you guess what made the blue marks. Circle clues in paragraph 2 that show whether that guess was right. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	After paragraph 1, what might have made the blue marks? What clue makes you think so?	**Pip's shoes might have made the marks. The marks start near his tray of blue paint.**
2	Was Sam's guess about Pip walking through the paint right? Give a clue from paragraph 2.	**No. Pip's shoes were clean, and the truck's blue wheels left lines like the marks.**
3	Why did Sam leave the truck on paper? Use a clue from the story.	**The paint on the wheels was not dry yet. The paper would catch any new marks.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I once wiped up spilled juice with a towel. That helps me understand why Pip got a cloth to wipe paint off his truck.

Accept a reasonable first prediction supported by a clue in paragraph 1, even if it differs from Sam's guess. For Your Turn, accept a real cleaning experience linked to Pip getting a cloth.