Marble Maze Words

Read familiar words smoothly in a story.

3.LF.12 "Read high-frequency words commonly found in grade-appropriate text accurately and automatically."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle every **before**, **again**, **because**, and **enough** in the story. Read each sentence you marked aloud without stopping at the circled word.

Nia's Marble Maze

1. Before the science fair, Nia found a flat box in the recycling bin. She wanted to make a maze for a marble. First, she drew a path from one corner to the other. Then she taped paper strips along the lines. The strips were tall enough to keep the marble on the path. Nia tried the maze before anyone else arrived.

2. The marble stopped at a sharp turn because a strip had fallen over. Nia fixed the strip and rolled the marble again. This time it slipped past the turn, but it got stuck near the end. A small piece of tape was in the way. Nia moved the tape because she wanted the marble to reach the finish without a push.

3. Before the fair opened, Nia asked her friend Jo to test the maze. Jo tilted the box slowly, and the marble rolled through each turn. At the finish, it dropped into a paper cup with a little clink. The cup was big enough to catch it. Jo tried again, this time going faster. The marble still made it. Nia added a sign that said, "Can you guide the marble all the way?"

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Read the sentence from paragraph 1 and write the missing word: The strips were tall ___ to keep the marble on the path.

2. Read the sentence from paragraph 2 and write the missing word: The marble stopped at a sharp turn ___ a strip had fallen over.

3. Read the sentence from paragraph 3 and write the missing word: ___ the fair opened, Nia asked her friend Jo to test the maze.

4. Read the sentence from paragraph 3 and write the missing word: Jo tried ___, this time going faster.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Invent a game and write two sentences about how to play it. Use two different words you circled in the story, underline those words, and read your sentences aloud smoothly.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle every **before**, **again**, **because**, and **enough** in the story. Read each sentence you marked aloud without stopping at the circled word. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Read the sentence from paragraph 1 and write the missing word: The strips were tall ___ to keep the marble on the path.	**enough**
2	Read the sentence from paragraph 2 and write the missing word: The marble stopped at a sharp turn ___ a strip had fallen over.	**because**
3	Read the sentence from paragraph 3 and write the missing word: ___ the fair opened, Nia asked her friend Jo to test the maze.	**Before**
4	Read the sentence from paragraph 3 and write the missing word: Jo tried ___, this time going faster.	**again**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Mix the cards <u>before</u> we play my matching game. If you miss a match, try <u>again</u>.

The passage has three uses of before and two uses each of again, because, and enough. For Your Turn, accept two original sentences about a game that use and underline two different target words correctly.