A Boat for Two

Track a character's change through her words and actions.

4.LF.15.b "Explain how the main character changes throughout the story, using explicit evidence from the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that show how Nia treats Sam at the start, circle two details that show how she treats him later, and write a 1 beside the event that makes her rethink his idea.

The Stream Race

1. Nia held her cardboard boat above the shallow stream. At the park's boat race, her little brother, Sam, offered to tape a wide base under it. "Mine is faster without that," Nia said, pulling the boat away. She had built it alone and wanted her name on the prize ribbon. When Sam reached for the tape, Nia tucked it into her pocket.

2. At the starting line, Nia set the boat on the water. It tipped sideways, and water poured over the edge. Sam did not laugh. He pointed to a flat piece of cardboard near their feet. Nia remembered his idea about a wide base. "Could you show me how to attach it?" she asked. Together they wiped the boat and taped the piece underneath.

3. They returned to the stream and launched the boat again. This time it stayed upright and floated past the finish flag. Nia grinned at Sam. When the race leader held out a ribbon, Nia said, "Sam helped build this. Can we share it?" On the walk home, she asked Sam what they should build next. She carried the boat, but let him carry the ribbon.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does Nia treat Sam's idea before the first launch? Give two details that show her attitude.

2. How does Nia's response to Sam change after the boat tips? Use a detail from before and after the first launch.

3. What makes Nia rethink Sam's idea? Use details from the story to explain.

4. How does Nia's view of sharing credit change by the end? Use one detail from the beginning and one from the end.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine Nia and Sam enter a bridge-building contest next week. Write three sentences describing how Nia responds to one of Sam's ideas, how her response shows she has changed, and one detail from the boat race that supports your choice.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two details that show how Nia treats Sam at the start, circle two details that show how she treats him later, and write a 1 beside the event that makes her rethink his idea. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does Nia treat Sam's idea before the first launch? Give two details that show her attitude.	**Nia rejects his idea. She says her boat is faster without a wide base and pulls the boat away.**
2	How does Nia's response to Sam change after the boat tips? Use a detail from before and after the first launch.	**At first, Nia pulls the boat away from Sam. After it tips, she asks him to show her how to attach the wide base.**
3	What makes Nia rethink Sam's idea? Use details from the story to explain.	**The boat tips and takes on water. Nia then remembers Sam's suggestion to add a wide base.**
4	How does Nia's view of sharing credit change by the end? Use one detail from the beginning and one from the end.	**At first, Nia wants only her name on the ribbon. At the end, she tells the race leader that Sam helped and asks to share it.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

When Sam suggests adding supports to their bridge, Nia listens and asks him to show her how. This shows she now values his ideas instead of pushing them away. In the boat race, she asked him to help attach a wide base after she had refused his suggestion.

Accept answers that describe a change in Nia and support it with her words or actions from the passage. For Part 3, the bridge response should be new, but its explanation must use evidence from the boat race.