Mina's Garden Plan

Notice how a character acts when problems happen.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.3 "Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each challenge Mina faces. Circle the actions she takes to solve or handle each challenge.

Sunflowers for the Fair

1. Mina carried three sunflower seedlings to the school garden. She wanted to plant them before the family night fair. When she reached the garden, she saw that the ground was hard and dry. Her small shovel would not dig a hole.

2. Mina frowned, but she did not leave. She filled a watering can at the faucet and poured water on the soil. Then she waited while her friend Jo brought a larger shovel from the shed.

3. After they planted the seedlings, a rabbit nibbled one plant. Mina felt worried. She placed a wire basket around each seedling and asked Jo to help her check the garden each morning. At the fair, all three plants stood tall.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What challenge did Mina face when she first reached the garden? How did she respond?

2. How did Mina respond after the rabbit nibbled one sunflower plant?

3. What do Mina's actions tell you about her when problems happen?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Invent a new challenge Mina faces after the fair. Write two sentences. In the first sentence, tell the challenge. In the second sentence, tell how Mina responds.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · RL.2.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each challenge Mina faces. Circle the actions she takes to solve or handle each challenge. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What challenge did Mina face when she first reached the garden? How did she respond?	**The ground was hard and dry, and her small shovel could not dig a hole. Mina watered the soil and used a larger shovel.**
2	How did Mina respond after the rabbit nibbled one sunflower plant?	**She put wire baskets around the seedlings and asked Jo to help check the garden each morning.**
3	What do Mina's actions tell you about her when problems happen?	**She is determined and works to solve problems instead of giving up.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A strong wind bent one sunflower. Mina tied the stem to a small stick so it could stand up.

Accept answers that name the hard soil or rabbit as challenges and correctly describe Mina's actions. For Part 3, accept any reasonable new challenge and a response that shows Mina taking action.