

Start to Finish

Notice how a story starts and ends.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.5 "Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the first sentence that introduces the story, and circle the last sentence that concludes the action.

Nia's Rainy Stand

- ① On Saturday morning, Nia carried her small red wagon to the park. She planned to sell lemonade at the soccer field. Dark clouds hung above the trees, but Nia set out cups, lemons, and a bright yellow sign.
- ② Just as the first players arrived, rain began to patter. Nia hurried the cups under a bench, but the sign blew across the grass. Her friend Omar chased it, while Nia pulled the wagon beneath the park shelter.
- ③ When the rain stopped, the field was shiny and wet. Nia moved her stand beside the shelter, where families could stay dry. Soon, she sold every cup. Nia and Omar shared one last lemonade and laughed as they packed the wagon.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does the beginning introduce about Nia and her plan?

2 What happens in the middle that changes Nia's plan?

3 How does the ending conclude the action?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-part story about a character doing a job. Write one sentence for the beginning, middle, and ending. Let the beginning introduce the character and plan, and let the ending tell how the action ends.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the first sentence that introduces the story, and circle the last sentence that concludes the action. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the beginning introduce about Nia and her plan?	It introduces Nia at the park, where she plans to sell lemonade at the soccer field.
2	What happens in the middle that changes Nia's plan?	Rain begins, and Nia moves her wagon and supplies beneath the park shelter.
3	How does the ending conclude the action?	The rain stops, Nia sells all her lemonade, and she and Omar pack the wagon.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Beginning: Leo brings seed packets to the school garden and plans to plant them before lunch. Middle: A hard wind scatters his labels, so he and Mei gather them. Ending: They finish planting the seeds and place stones around each row.

Accept answers that name details from the beginning, a middle event that changes the action, and an ending event that finishes the story. For Part 3, accept any three-part story with a clear introduction, action, and conclusion.