Kofi's Market Choice

Recount a fable and trace the details that reveal its lesson.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.2 "Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the actions that show Kofi helping Ama. Circle the details that show what happens because of his choice, then number the three most important events 1, 2, and 3 to help you find the lesson.

Kofi's Market Day

1. In a village near Ghana's Volta River, Kofi carried a basket of mangoes to the market. On the path, he met Ama, whose basket had split. Mangoes rolled into the dust. Kofi wanted to hurry because he hoped to be first at the market. Still, he stopped and helped Ama gather the fruit. Then he tied her basket with a strip from his own cloth.

2. At the market, dark clouds brought hard rain. Kofi placed his mangoes under a table, but water rushed across the ground and soaked them. Ama had a dry stall beneath a wide roof. She invited Kofi to share the space. Together, they sold their fruit to people waiting out of the rain. Kofi was no longer first, but he sold every mango.

3. On the way home, Kofi passed an old potter who had watched from her doorway. Kofi said that helping Ama had slowed him down. The potter pointed to Kofi's empty basket and the coins in his hand. Kofi understood that helping someone could bring good results, even when it took extra time. That thought stayed with him.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Recount the fable in order. What happens first, next, and last?

2. What is the central message, or lesson, of this fable?

3. Which two key details show how Kofi's helpful choice leads to a good result?

4. How does Kofi change from the beginning to the end of the fable? Explain how this change helps show the lesson.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence mini fable about a character who chooses to help someone or not help someone. State the central message in one sentence, and include two story details that show how the events teach that message.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · RL.3.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the actions that show Kofi helping Ama. Circle the details that show what happens because of his choice, then number the three most important events 1, 2, and 3 to help you find the lesson. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Recount the fable in order. What happens first, next, and last?	**First, Kofi helps Ama fix her basket. Next, Ama lets Kofi share her dry stall during the rain, and they sell their mangoes. Last, Kofi realizes that helping Ama led to a good result.**
2	What is the central message, or lesson, of this fable?	**Helping others can bring good results, even when helping takes extra time.**
3	Which two key details show how Kofi's helpful choice leads to a good result?	**Kofi helps Ama gather her mangoes and fixes her basket. Later, Ama shares her dry stall with Kofi, so he sells all of his mangoes.**
4	How does Kofi change from the beginning to the end of the fable? Explain how this change helps show the lesson.	**At first, Kofi worries about getting to the market first. At the end, he understands that helping Ama was worthwhile, which shows that helping others matters more than rushing for yourself.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Mina found a turtle tangled in fishing line beside the pond. She cut the line, even though she was late to meet her cousin. The next day, the turtle led Mina to her cousin's lost kite in the reeds. This fable teaches that helping others can lead to kindness returning.

Accept reasonable recounts that include Kofi's help, Ama's shared stall, and Kofi's realization. For the writing task, accept any clear four-sentence fable with a stated lesson and at least two details that support it.