

Picture Clues

See how illustration details deepen a story.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.7 “Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting)”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB In each paragraph, underline one story detail and circle one illustration detail that helps show it. Number your three pairs to show how the pictures add mood, character feelings, or the ending.

Mina's Rainy Picnic

- ① On Saturday, Mina planned a picnic at Willow Park. Dark clouds covered the sky, and rain tapped the window. “My map will get soggy,” she said. Her grandfather handed her a clear plastic folder. [Illustration: Mina sits by a window with drooping shoulders. Gray clouds fill most of the picture, while the bright picnic basket waits near the door.]
- ② Mina tucked the map inside and walked with Grandfather to the park. The rain slowed to a mist. At the gate, they saw three small ducks huddled under a bench. Mina spread her red umbrella above them. [Illustration: The ducks are tiny beneath the wide umbrella. Mina kneels close to them, and her face looks gentle.]
- ③ A park worker came by with a box. “These ducklings were separated from their mother,” he explained. He carried them to a dry shelter near the pond. The sun broke through the clouds as Mina and Grandfather opened their picnic. [Illustration: Sunlight shines on the pond and the picnic blanket. The ducks paddle beside their mother, and Mina smiles while holding the dry map.]

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How do the gray clouds and Mina's drooping shoulders in the first illustration add to the words about rain and a soggy map?

2 What does the second illustration, with tiny ducks under a wide umbrella, help you understand about Mina?

3 How does the final illustration help show that the ducklings' problem is solved?

4 The first picture has gray clouds, and the last picture has sunlight. How do these illustration details change the story's mood?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine the words say, "Jamal spotted his kite caught high in an oak tree." Write two sentences. In the first sentence, describe illustration details. In the second sentence, explain how those details add to the words.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

In each paragraph, underline one story detail and circle one illustration detail that helps show it. Number your three pairs to show how the pictures add mood, character feelings, or the ending. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do the gray clouds and Mina's drooping shoulders in the first illustration add to the words about rain and a soggy map?	They create a gloomy, worried mood and emphasize Mina's disappointment about the picnic.
2	What does the second illustration, with tiny ducks under a wide umbrella, help you understand about Mina?	It shows that Mina is gentle and caring because she protects the small ducks.
3	How does the final illustration help show that the ducklings' problem is solved?	The ducklings are beside their mother near the pond, showing that they are safe again.
4	The first picture has gray clouds, and the last picture has sunlight. How do these illustration details change the story's mood?	The mood changes from gloomy and worried to happy and hopeful.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The illustration could show Jamal standing on tiptoe with his arms stretched up while the kite flaps far above him. This picture would emphasize how high the kite is and show that Jamal feels worried.

Accept answers that connect a specific illustration detail to words in the story and explain its effect on mood, character, setting, or events. For Part 3, accept any two-sentence response that describes a fitting picture and clearly explains how it adds meaning.