A Finished Feeling

Notice how a narrative ending wraps up the action.

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NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that gives the story a finished feeling. Then circle two details near the end that show what happened because Lena planted the sunflower.

Lena's Garden Spot

1. On Saturday, Lena carried a small box to the community garden. Inside was a sunflower plant she had started in a paper cup at school. Her teacher had said the plant needed more space, sun, and water. Lena chose a bare spot beside the fence, but the soil was hard and packed with tiny stones.

2. Lena fetched a trowel and loosened the soil. She mixed in dark compost from the garden bin, then made a hole wide enough for the roots. After placing the sunflower in the hole, she pressed the soil gently around its stem. Lena gave it a slow drink of water and tied a small label to a stick nearby.

3. Each week, Lena visited the garden before dinner. The sunflower grew taller than the fence rail, and its yellow face turned toward the morning light. When Lena saw bees resting on its petals, she smiled. Her careful work had changed one empty patch into a bright place for people and insects to enjoy.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which sentence gives the story its final feeling of completion? Copy it.

2. What does Lena see that shows her work helps more than just the sunflower?

3. How does the final sentence connect to the bare spot Lena found at the beginning?

4. Which words show how Lena feels when she sees the bees? Copy the words.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine Amir has fixed his torn kite and flown it again. Write exactly two sentences to end his story. Show what happened and how Amir feels about the result.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that gives the story a finished feeling. Then circle two details near the end that show what happened because Lena planted the sunflower. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which sentence gives the story its final feeling of completion? Copy it.	**Her careful work had changed one empty patch into a bright place for people and insects to enjoy.**
2	What does Lena see that shows her work helps more than just the sunflower?	**She sees bees resting on the sunflower's petals.**
3	How does the final sentence connect to the bare spot Lena found at the beginning?	**The empty, bare patch becomes a bright place for people and insects.**
4	Which words show how Lena feels when she sees the bees? Copy the words.	**she smiled**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At last, the kite rose above the field, its blue tail dancing in the wind. Amir watched it fly and felt proud that his patience had brought his favorite kite back to the sky.

Accept answers that identify the final sentence and use details from the ending to explain why the story feels complete. For the writing task, accept exactly two sentences that show a result and a feeling or final thought.