The Second Test

Study how a narrative ending connects to its events.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.4.3e "Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the sentence that concludes the narrative. Underline two details that show why this conclusion makes sense.

Maya's Boat Test

1. On Tuesday, Maya carried her cardboard boat to the school pond for the science test. She had spent two afternoons folding the sides and covering the seams with wax. When her group set the boat on the water, it floated for only a moment. Then one corner bent, and water slipped inside. Maya felt her cheeks grow warm as the boat tipped over.

2. Mr. Ellis asked the group to name one change before trying again. Maya noticed that the wet corner had no support underneath it. She cut a small triangle from a cereal box and taped it inside the boat. Her partner added a strip of wax paper over the tape. At the second test, the boat stayed level while they counted to thirty.

3. Maya smiled, not because the boat was perfect, but because her group had used the first test to solve a problem. They wrote that the support and wax paper helped keep water out. As they carried the boat back to class, Maya knew that a failed try could lead to a better plan when she paid attention and made a change.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which sentence gives the conclusion of the narrative?

2. What happened earlier that shows Maya's first try failed?

3. What two changes did Maya's group make before the second test?

4. Why does Maya's final thought follow from the events in the story?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a five-sentence narrative about a time a plan did not work at first, but you improved it. Make your last sentence a conclusion that tells what you learned or realized from the events.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · W.4.3e

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the sentence that concludes the narrative. Underline two details that show why this conclusion makes sense. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which sentence gives the conclusion of the narrative?	**"As they carried the boat back to class, Maya knew that a failed try could lead to a better plan when she paid attention and made a change."**
2	What happened earlier that shows Maya's first try failed?	**One corner of the boat bent, water slipped inside, and the boat tipped over.**
3	What two changes did Maya's group make before the second test?	**They taped a cardboard triangle inside the boat for support and added wax paper over the tape.**
4	Why does Maya's final thought follow from the events in the story?	**The group noticed a problem, made changes, and the boat stayed level during the second test.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Friday, I tried to build a block bridge across a pretend river. The first bridge fell when I placed a toy truck on it. I looked at the loose blocks and made the base wider. My second bridge held the truck and two small cars. I learned that checking what went wrong can help me build a stronger plan.

Accept any correctly identified final sentence as the conclusion and evidence that connects the first failed test to the improved second test. For the writing task, accept five connected sentences with a final conclusion that clearly follows from the narrated events.