A Path Forward

Read how a narrative ending grows from its events.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.5.3e "Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that concludes the narrative, then number two earlier details that show why that conclusion makes sense.

The Library Ramp

1. On Saturday, Maya volunteered at the library's book sale. Near the entrance, she saw a tall box blocking the ramp. A man using a wheelchair paused at the bottom and looked toward the crowded room. Maya wanted to help, but she worried that moving the box might mix up the sale books and slow the workers.

2. She found Mr. Ortiz, the sale leader, and explained the problem. He asked two volunteers to hold the box while Maya carried books to an empty table. Together, they cleared the ramp in less than a minute. The man thanked them and rolled inside. Maya noticed that the books were still sorted by price on the table.

3. At first, Maya had thought helping would cause a bigger mess. Instead, asking before acting gave everyone a simple plan. She returned to the checkout table feeling calmer. Maya learned that a small, careful action can make a shared space more welcoming for all people who need a clear path without creating a new problem.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which sentence is the conclusion of the narrative?

2. What earlier worry does the conclusion answer?

3. What two actions show that Maya solved the problem carefully?

4. Why does the final sentence follow from the events in the story?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence narrative about solving a small problem in a shared place. Make the fourth sentence a conclusion that tells what you learned or what the events show.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

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

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which sentence is the conclusion of the narrative?	**"Maya learned that a small, careful action can make a shared space more welcoming for all people who need a clear path without creating a new problem."**
2	What earlier worry does the conclusion answer?	**Maya worried that moving the box might mix up the sale books and slow the workers.**
3	What two actions show that Maya solved the problem carefully?	**She explained the problem to Mr. Ortiz, and she carried the books to an empty table before the ramp was cleared.**
4	Why does the final sentence follow from the events in the story?	**Maya asked before acting, the books stayed sorted, and the man could use the ramp.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

During recess, I saw paper cups scattered near the drinking fountain. I asked the teacher for a trash bag and invited two classmates to help. We picked up the cups before the next class came outside. I learned that asking for help can turn a messy problem into a quick solution.

Accept equivalent wording for the conclusion and for details that support it. In the open response, accept any four-sentence narrative whose final sentence follows logically from the earlier events.