Penguin Punctuation Patrol

Notice how capitals and end marks help readers understand each sentence.

ELA.2.C.3 "Following Conventions"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each capital letter that starts a sentence. Circle each capitalized name, and put a box around each end mark.

Mia Visits Penguins

1. One morning, Mia visited Harbor Zoo with her dad. At the penguin pool, a keeper tossed fish into the water. The penguins splashed and raced to catch their breakfast. Mia counted eight birds near a smooth gray rock.

2. "Why do penguins swim so fast?" Mia asked. The keeper smiled and said, "Their flippers push them through the water!" Mia wrote the keeper's words in her notebook. Then she drew a small penguin beside the note.

3. Before leaving, Mia thanked the keeper. "I want to learn more about penguins," she said. Her dad waved as they walked to the gate. What animal will Mia visit next time?

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which words in paragraph 1 are capitalized because they name a person or place?

2. Copy the question Mia asks in paragraph 2. Keep the capital letter and question mark.

3. What end mark shows that the last sentence in paragraph 3 is a question?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal you would like to see. Use a capital letter at the start of each sentence, capitalize one person's or place's name, and end one question with a question mark.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · ELA.2.C.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each capital letter that starts a sentence. Circle each capitalized name, and put a box around each end mark. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which words in paragraph 1 are capitalized because they name a person or place?	**Mia; Harbor Zoo.**
2	Copy the question Mia asks in paragraph 2. Keep the capital letter and question mark.	**Why do penguins swim so fast?**
3	What end mark shows that the last sentence in paragraph 3 is a question?	**A question mark (?).**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My sister Ana wants to see a tiger at River Zoo. How far can it jump?

For Part 3, accept two complete sentences that use the requested capitalization and a question mark for one question.