Pond Night Voices

Use dialogue and punctuation to guide an expressive read.

ELA.2.F.1.4 "Read grade-level texts with accuracy, automaticity, and appropriate prosody or expression."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words people say. Circle each question mark and exclamation mark so you know when your voice should change.

A Beaver at Night

1. Mina held her small flashlight near the pond. The sky was dark, but the moon made a bright path on the water. “Listen,” said Dad. “Do you hear that soft splash?”

2. A beaver swam past the reeds. Its flat tail slapped the water, splash! Mina took one quiet step closer. Then the beaver lifted a wet branch. “It is building a home,” Mina whispered.

3. Dad pointed to the far bank. “Look, Mina!” he said. Two little kits followed the beaver. Mina smiled and spoke in a soft voice. “Good night, busy beavers.” They slipped into the water.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How should your voice sound when you read Dad's question in the first paragraph?

2. Which word tells you to read Mina's words in the second paragraph quietly?

3. What punctuation helps you read "Look, Mina!" with excitement?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two lines of dialogue about an animal. Make one line a question and one an excited statement, then read them aloud with a voice that matches the end marks.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · ELA.2.F.1.4

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words people say. Circle each question mark and exclamation mark so you know when your voice should change. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How should your voice sound when you read Dad's question in the first paragraph?	**Interested and asking.**
2	Which word tells you to read Mina's words in the second paragraph quietly?	**whispered**
3	What punctuation helps you read "Look, Mina!" with excitement?	**An exclamation mark.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

"Can you see the turtle?" asked Kai. "It is climbing onto the log!" said Jo.

Accept answers that identify an asking voice, the word "whispered," and an exclamation mark. For Part 3, accept two animal dialogue lines with one question mark and one exclamation mark, read with matching expression.