Mina's Plot Path

Read a story and trace its plot from beginning to end.

ELA.2.R.1.1 "Identify plot structure and describe main story elements in a literary text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the main character, circle the words that tell the setting, and write 1, 2, and 3 beside the beginning, problem, and solution events to show the plot.

Mina's Kite

1. On a breezy Saturday morning, Mina stood in the grassy field behind her apartment. She had made a yellow kite with her grandfather. Mina wanted to fly it before the wind grew too strong.

2. At first, the kite rose above Mina's head. Then a sharp gust pulled the string from her hands. The kite landed in a low tree, and Mina could not reach it from the ground.

3. Grandfather brought a long cardboard tube from the recycling bin. Mina slid the tube under the kite and lifted gently. The kite came free. Mina smiled as she held the string tight and flew it again.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who is the main character, and where does the story happen?

2. What problem does Mina face in the middle of the story?

3. How is the problem solved at the end?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a new three-sentence mini-story about a character in a setting. Write a beginning in the first sentence, a problem in the second sentence, and a solution in the third sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · ELA.2.R.1.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the main character, circle the words that tell the setting, and write 1, 2, and 3 beside the beginning, problem, and solution events to show the plot. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who is the main character, and where does the story happen?	**The main character is Mina. The story happens in the grassy field behind her apartment.**
2	What problem does Mina face in the middle of the story?	**A gust pulls the kite string from Mina's hands, and the kite lands in a tree.**
3	How is the problem solved at the end?	**Mina uses a long cardboard tube to lift the kite from the tree, then she flies it again.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the beach, Omar built a sandcastle near the water. A wave washed away its tallest tower. Omar used a bucket to build a new, shorter tower farther from the water.

Accept setting answers that name the grassy field, the area behind Mina's apartment, or both. For the open task, accept any clear character and setting with a beginning, a problem, and a solution in three sentences.