Pathway Teamwork

Find the story's message through character actions.

ELA.2.R.1.2 "Identify and explain a theme of a literary text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two actions that help solve the problem, then circle the ending that shows what the characters learn.

The Clear Path

1. On Saturday, Nia carried her red wagon to the park for the block cleanup. A tall pile of sticks lay near the path. Nia tried to pull the pile alone, but the sticks rolled away each time.

2. Her neighbor Bo saw Nia frown. He brought a rake, and Nia asked Kim to hold open a yard bag. Bo raked the sticks into a heap while Nia lifted them. Soon, the path was clear.

3. Nia looked at the clean path and smiled at Bo and Kim. “I could not do that by myself,” she said. The three children used the wagon to carry the full bag to the bin.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is a theme of “The Clear Path”? Write the message in a full sentence.

2. Which two actions in the story show the theme?

3. How does Nia’s sentence at the end help explain the theme?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence mini-story about a character facing a small problem. Then write one sentence that tells the theme and explains how the character’s actions show it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · ELA.2.R.1.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two actions that help solve the problem, then circle the ending that shows what the characters learn. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is a theme of "The Clear Path"? Write the message in a full sentence.	**Working together can make a hard job easier.**
2	Which two actions in the story show the theme?	**Bo brings a rake and rakes the sticks into a heap. Nia asks Kim to hold open the yard bag while she lifts the sticks.**
3	How does Nia's sentence at the end help explain the theme?	**Nia says she could not clear the sticks by herself, showing that the children succeeded by working together.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Leo could not carry a box of art paper to the supply table. He asked Sana to hold one side of the box. Together, they moved it before class began. The theme is that asking for help can solve a problem because Leo and Sana carried the box together.

Accept themes about teamwork, helping others, or asking for help when students support the theme with story actions. For Part 3, accept a reasonable theme statement that matches the student's original mini-story and explanation.