Rainy Garden Views

Read character thoughts, feelings, and reasons.

ELA.2.R.1.3 "Identify different characters' perspectives in a literary text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that show what Maya thinks or feels, and circle words that show what Ben thinks or feels. Write M or B beside each mark so you can compare their perspectives.

Planting Before Lunch

1. Maya and Ben carried their class garden sign to the park. Dark clouds rolled above the flower beds. "We should plant now," Maya said. "The rain will help the seeds drink." Ben watched a puddle grow near his shoe.

2. Ben shook his head. "The rain might wash the seeds away," he said. He wanted to wait until the sky was blue again. Maya looked at the empty beds and felt worried that the class would miss planting day.

3. Ms. Ortiz gave them a small cover for the beds. Ben smiled because the cover could protect the seeds. Maya smiled too. She still hoped the rain would water the garden. Together, they planted before lunch.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is Maya's perspective about planting while it is raining? Use a detail from the story.

2. What is Ben's perspective about planting while it is raining? Use a detail from the story.

3. At the end, why does Ben smile, and why does Maya smile?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine two characters deciding what to do during recess. Write two sentences. Show a different perspective in each sentence, and tell why each character feels that way.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · ELA.2.R.1.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words that show what Maya thinks or feels, and circle words that show what Ben thinks or feels. Write M or B beside each mark so you can compare their perspectives. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is Maya's perspective about planting while it is raining? Use a detail from the story.	**Maya thinks they should plant now because the rain will help water the seeds.**
2	What is Ben's perspective about planting while it is raining? Use a detail from the story.	**Ben thinks they should wait because the rain might wash the seeds away.**
3	At the end, why does Ben smile, and why does Maya smile?	**Ben smiles because the cover can protect the seeds. Maya smiles because she hopes the rain will water the garden.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Lena wants to draw with chalk because she likes making big pictures. Omar wants to play tag because he likes running with friends.

Accept answers that correctly state Maya's and Ben's different ideas and include a matching reason from the passage. For the open task, accept two clear, different character perspectives with a reason for each one.