Rainy Garden Story

Read a garden story, trace its events, then write your own.

2.P.EICC.2.a "Share real or imagined experiences by interpreting and constructing texts that tell or include stories. (I/C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the three paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 to show the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Underline one action Mia takes in each paragraph.

Mia Helps the Garden

1. Mia carried her blue rain boots to Grandpa's garden. Dark clouds covered the sky, but the tomato plants needed water. Grandpa handed Mia a small green watering can. "We can help before the rain comes," he said.

2. At first, Mia spilled water on her boots instead of the plants. She laughed, then held the can with two hands. Drop by drop, she watered each plant. A tiny ladybug crawled across one leaf.

3. Then the wind blew hard, and the first raindrops fell. Mia and Grandpa put the can under a bench and hurried inside. From the window, Mia watched the garden drink the rain. "Our work helped," she said.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who are the main characters, and where are they?

2. What trouble did Mia have at first? What did she do next?

3. What happened at the end that made Mia say, "Our work helped"?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence story about a time you helped with a job. Tell what happened first, what happened next, and how the story ended.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number the three paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 to show the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Underline one action Mia takes in each paragraph. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who are the main characters, and where are they?	**Mia and Grandpa are in Grandpa's garden.**
2	What trouble did Mia have at first? What did she do next?	**She spilled water on her boots. Then she held the watering can with two hands.**
3	What happened at the end that made Mia say, "Our work helped"?	**Rain fell on the garden after Mia had watered the plants.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Saturday, I built a paper boat at the pond. A splash tipped it over, so I made a wider boat. My new boat floated beside the reeds.

Accept answers that correctly identify story characters, setting, and events in order. For the writing task, accept a real or imagined three-sentence story with a clear beginning, middle event, and ending.