

Letters Build Bridges

Notice how a reader writes back to an author.

2.P.EICC.2 "Engagement & Intention: Engage in written or spoken dialogue as author and audience for a variety of tasks and purposes, making intentional connections within, between, and beyond texts."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells why the writer is writing to Ms. Lee. Write 1 beside the sentence that names another story and 2 beside the sentence that connects the book to the writer's life.

A Letter About a Kitten

- ① Dear Ms. Lee, I read your book about a lost kitten. I am writing to tell you that I liked how Maya kept looking, even when rain made the streets wet and dark.
- ② At the end, Maya hears a tiny meow near the blue gate. That part helped me understand why she did not give up. Did you choose the blue gate because it stands out in the rain?
- ③ Your kitten story also reminded me of a story I read called The Lost Puppy. In both stories, a child searches for a pet. Last year, my family looked for our turtle, so I knew the worried feeling.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Why is the writer writing to Ms. Lee?

2 What other text does the writer connect to Ms. Lee's book?

3 What life experience helps the writer understand Maya's worried feeling?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-sentence note to the author of a book you read. In sentence 1, tell a part you liked, in sentence 2, connect it to another text, and in sentence 3, connect it to your life and tell a feeling.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells why the writer is writing to Ms. Lee. Write 1 beside the sentence that names another story and 2 beside the sentence that connects the book to the writer's life. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is the writer writing to Ms. Lee?	The writer wants to tell Ms. Lee what she liked about the book and ask about the blue gate.
2	What other text does the writer connect to Ms. Lee's book?	The Lost Puppy.
3	What life experience helps the writer understand Maya's worried feeling?	The writer's family looked for their turtle last year.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Dear Mr. Ruiz, I liked the part in your book when Mia shared her warm scarf with Ben. It reminded me of The Helping Hand, because a child helps a friend in that story too. It also reminded me of giving my sister my mittens, and I felt proud.

Accept answers that identify the writer's purpose and the two connections using equivalent words. For the open response, accept a three-sentence note with a book detail, a connection to another text, and a personal connection with a feeling.