Clues Around Lina

Use place, time, and traditions to understand a scene.

2.P.ST.1 "Context: Develop and apply knowledge of key components of context such as background information, geographic location, cultural influences, time period, and contemporary events when interpreting and constructing texts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle words that tell when or where the story happens. Underline actions that show how Lina's family celebrates Lunar New Year.

Lina's New Year Morning

1. On a cold February morning, Lina walked with her grandfather through San Francisco's Chinatown. Red paper signs hung above the shops. Families carried bags of oranges and flowers. Lina had come to help get ready for Lunar New Year.

2. Pops told Lina that many Chinese families celebrate Lunar New Year at the start of a new lunar calendar year. At home, they swept the floor before dinner. Later, relatives shared a meal and gave children red envelopes.

3. That evening, Lina watched a parade move down Grant Avenue. Drums boomed, and dancers lifted a long dragon puppet. Lina understood that this joyful day connected her family to Chinese traditions from long ago.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does knowing that Lina is in San Francisco's Chinatown help you understand why Chinese traditions are part of the story?

2. What details tell you the time of year and the place of the story?

3. What do the sweeping, shared meal, and red envelopes tell you about this day?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about a community or family event. Include where it happens, when it happens, and one tradition. In your last sentence, tell how those details help a reader understand the event.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.P.ST.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle words that tell when or where the story happens. Underline actions that show how Lina's family celebrates Lunar New Year. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does knowing that Lina is in San Francisco's Chinatown help you understand why Chinese traditions are part of the story?	**It shows that Lina is in a Chinese neighborhood where many families celebrate Lunar New Year.**
2	What details tell you the time of year and the place of the story?	**It is a cold February morning in San Francisco's Chinatown.**
3	What do the sweeping, shared meal, and red envelopes tell you about this day?	**They show that Lunar New Year is a special family celebration with traditions.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Last November, my neighbors met at a community center in Toronto, Canada. Families celebrated Diwali by lighting small lamps and sharing sweets. The time, place, and lamps show that this was a special community festival.

Accept answers that use passage details to connect the setting in Chinatown, the February timing, and Lunar New Year traditions to the meaning of the scene. For Part 3, accept any three-sentence response with a clear place, time, tradition, and explanation of how the details provide context.