The Lost Sketchbook

Spot the parts that make a story complete.

2.T.T.1.e "Use knowledge of narrative techniques (e.g., characters, settings, events, dialogue) to create texts that recount real or imagined experiences and events with a sense of closure. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the names of the characters, underline words that tell where the story happens, and number the main events 1, 2, and 3. These story parts show who, where, and what happens from beginning to end.

Maya's Sketchbook

1. On Saturday morning, Maya and her brother Leo sat at a picnic table in Pine Park. Maya opened her sketchbook to draw the ducks. A windy gust flipped the book closed, and it slid under the bench.

2. Leo crawled down, but the sketchbook was not there. "Did it blow away?" he asked. Maya pointed to a brown squirrel carrying paper near the oak tree. "Let's look by the tree," she said.

3. Behind the tree, Maya found her sketchbook with one page sticking out. She thanked Leo for helping. Then she drew the squirrel beside the ducks. "Now my picture has a surprise," Maya said, and they walked home smiling.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Who are the characters? Where does the story begin?

2. What does Maya say after Leo asks about the sketchbook? What happens next?

3. How does the last paragraph show that the story is over?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write 4 to 6 sentences about a child who loses and finds something outdoors. Include a character, a setting, three events in order, one spoken sentence in quotation marks, and an ending that solves the problem.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.T.T.1.e

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the names of the characters, underline words that tell where the story happens, and number the main events 1, 2, and 3. These story parts show who, where, and what happens from beginning to end. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who are the characters? Where does the story begin?	**The characters are Maya and Leo. The story begins at a picnic table in Pine Park.**
2	What does Maya say after Leo asks about the sketchbook? What happens next?	**Maya says, "Let's look by the tree." Next, they look near the tree.**
3	How does the last paragraph show that the story is over?	**Maya finds her sketchbook, finishes her drawing, and she and Leo walk home smiling.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

After school, Ben looked for his red ball at the playground. He checked under the slide, but it was not there. "I see it by the fence!" said his friend Ana. Ben picked up the ball and thanked Ana. They tossed the ball together until it was time to go home.

Accept character names and setting details that match the passage. For the writing task, accept a 4 to 6 sentence narrative with a clear setting, ordered events, dialogue, and a resolved ending.