A Worm's Way

Read a story and use its details to explain what happens.

2.RC "Students comprehend grade-level text, including fiction and nonfiction, and can demonstrate their comprehension orally and through writing."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one detail that shows why the worm needs help. Circle one detail that shows what Nia does to help it.

The Worm on the Walk

1. After the rain, Nia walked to school with her grandpa. She spotted an earthworm on the sidewalk. The sun was coming out, and the sidewalk was starting to dry. Nia stopped, but her grandpa kept walking.

2. Nia knew worms need damp places. She did not want the worm to dry out. She found a wide leaf near the path. With her grandpa's help, she gently slid the leaf under the worm.

3. They carried the worm to the damp soil under a bush. The worm slipped off the leaf and began to dig into the soil. Nia smiled. She hurried to catch up with her grandpa before the school bell rang.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why does Nia stop on her way to school? Use a detail from the story.

2. How do Nia and her grandpa help the worm?

3. What shows that Nia's plan worked?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine you see another worm on a dry sidewalk. Write two sentences telling how you could help it without using a leaf and why your plan would help.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RC

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one detail that shows why the worm needs help. Circle one detail that shows what Nia does to help it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why does Nia stop on her way to school? Use a detail from the story.	**She sees a worm on a sidewalk that is drying in the sun, and she does not want the worm to dry out.**
2	How do Nia and her grandpa help the worm?	**They gently slide a leaf under the worm and carry it to damp soil.**
3	What shows that Nia's plan worked?	**The worm slips off the leaf and begins to dig into the damp soil.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would ask an adult to help me slide the worm onto a small piece of paper. We would carry it to damp soil because worms need damp places.

Accept answers that connect the drying sidewalk to the worm's need for a damp place. For Your Turn, accept a gentle way to move the worm without a leaf and a reason based on the story.