Leaf Boat Voices

Read smoothly with pauses and expression.

2.RF.4 "Orally read decodable/grade-level appropriate or higher texts with fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) while reading."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each question mark and exclamation point. Put a small slash after each comma to plan a short pause as you read aloud.

The Leaf Boat

1. Mia and Ben built a small boat from a leaf. They set it in a stream at the park. "Will it float?" asked Ben. The boat rocked once, then sailed past a smooth stone.

2. A gust of wind pushed the boat toward a log. "Look out!" cried Mia. Ben ran beside the stream. The boat spun around the log and slid into calm water. "It made it!" Ben yelled.

3. Soon the leaf boat reached a tiny bridge. Mia leaned down to watch. "Where will it go now?" she asked. The boat dipped under the bridge, then popped out on the other side. Ben clapped and laughed.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Read Ben's question in the first paragraph aloud. How should your voice sound at the end? Which mark tells you?

2. Read Mia's words, "Look out!" aloud. What should your voice show? Which mark helps you?

3. Read the sentence about the boat dipping under the bridge aloud. Where should you pause briefly? Which mark tells you?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two new things the children might say next: one question and one excited statement. Then read them aloud at a steady pace, making your voice fit each mark.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each question mark and exclamation point. Put a small slash after each comma to plan a short pause as you read aloud. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Read Ben's question in the first paragraph aloud. How should your voice sound at the end? Which mark tells you?	**The voice should sound curious or rise at the end. The question mark is the clue.**
2	Read Mia's words, "Look out!" aloud. What should your voice show? Which mark helps you?	**The voice should sound like a warning. The exclamation point is the clue.**
3	Read the sentence about the boat dipping under the bridge aloud. Where should you pause briefly? Which mark tells you?	**Pause after "bridge," where the comma appears.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

"Can we make another boat?" asked Mia. "Yes, let's make two!" said Ben.

Accept a curious or rising voice for the question and a clear, excited or warning voice for the exclamation. For Your Turn, look for an original question, an excited statement, fitting punctuation, and a smooth oral reading.