Boat to Shore

Find how a story moves from a problem to an ending.

2.W.4.d "Provide a middle and an ending."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline what Nia and Leo do in the middle to solve the problem, then circle the sentence in the ending that shows their plan worked.

The Paper Boat

1. Leo made a paper boat for his little sister, Nia. They took it to a puddle after the rain. Leo set the boat on the water, but a gust of wind pushed it under a bush.
2. Leo reached for the boat, but the branches were too low. Nia found a long twig on the ground. She used the twig to pull the boat out. One side was wet, so Leo folded it back into shape.
3. Leo set the boat on the puddle again. It floated past Nia's boots. Nia laughed and ran beside it. When the boat reached the edge, she picked it up and carried it home to dry.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What problem do Nia and Leo solve in the middle?

2. What two things do Nia and Leo do in the middle to get the boat ready to float again?

3. Which detail in the ending shows that their plan worked?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A wave knocks down one wall of a child's sand castle. Write three or four sentences that tell the middle and ending of this story. Show how the child fixes the wall and what happens next.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.W.4.d

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline what Nia and Leo do in the middle to solve the problem, then circle the sentence in the ending that shows their plan worked. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What problem do Nia and Leo solve in the middle?	**The boat is stuck under a bush, and one side is wet and bent.**
2	What two things do Nia and Leo do in the middle to get the boat ready to float again?	**Nia pulls the boat out with a twig. Leo folds its wet side back into shape.**
3	Which detail in the ending shows that their plan worked?	**The boat floats past Nia's boots.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Maya filled a bucket with wet sand and packed it beside the castle. She patted the new wall until it stood up. Then she set three shells on top. Maya smiled at her fixed castle.

Accept different ways to fix the wall if the middle shows the child taking action and the ending shows what happens after the fix.