Details Make Stories

Read how a partner helps a writer add details.

C.2.1.a "With guidance and support from adults, strengthen writing through peer collaboration and adding details through writing and/or pictures as needed."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Mina's first draft sentence. Circle the words in her new sentence that tell more about the boat and where it went.

Mina's Paper Boat

1. Mina wrote a story about a paper boat. Her first draft said, "I made a boat. It sailed away." She read it to her partner, Leo. He asked, "Where did it go? What did it look like?"

2. Mina changed her story: "My blue paper boat floated across the puddle by the school gate." She also drew the boat with one bent corner. Her new words showed its color and place. Her picture showed a shape she had not described in words.

3. Leo read the new story and looked at the picture. He said, "Now I can see the boat and the puddle. What happened when the boat reached the other side?" Mina left a space to add that part later.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What two things did Leo ask Mina about her first draft?

2. What detail did Mina add in her picture that she did not add in words?

3. What part of the story does Leo want Mina to add next?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write one sentence about something you made or found. Ask a partner what they want to know, write their question, then rewrite your sentence with a detail that answers it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · C.2.1.a

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline Mina's first draft sentence. Circle the words in her new sentence that tell more about the boat and where it went. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What two things did Leo ask Mina about her first draft?	**He asked where the boat went and what it looked like.**
2	What detail did Mina add in her picture that she did not add in words?	**She drew one bent corner on the boat.**
3	What part of the story does Leo want Mina to add next?	**He wants her to tell what happened when the boat reached the other side.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I found a rock. What did it look like? I found a smooth gray rock under the slide.

For the marking job, accept the first-draft quote underlined and words such as "blue" and "across the puddle by the school gate" circled. For Your Turn, check that the new sentence answers the recorded partner question with a detail.