An Ending That Fits

Trace the events that lead to a story's conclusion.

C.4.3.f "Provide a conclusion that follows the narrated experiences or events."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two events that help the kite fly again, then circle the sentence that concludes the story. Use your marks to see how the ending follows what happened.

The Red Kite

1. On Saturday, Maya took her red kite to the park. A steady breeze lifted it above the soccer field. Then the string snagged on a low tree branch. Maya pulled gently, but the kite slid down and caught on the fence. Its paper tail tore, and one wooden stick came loose. Maya sat on a bench with the broken kite in her lap.

2. Maya's grandfather met her at the bench. He had brought a small roll of tape for a picnic sign. Together, they taped the torn tail and tied the loose stick back in place with a piece of string. Maya held the kite while her grandfather checked the knots. When the wind rose again, they walked to an open patch of grass.

3. Maya ran across the grass, letting out the string a little at a time. The kite shook once, then climbed above the trees. Its mended tail fluttered behind it. Maya gave her grandfather a wave, and he waved back. She stayed until the breeze faded and carefully wound the string around its handle. Now she knew a torn kite could fly again with a little help.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which sentence concludes the story? Copy it.

2. How do the repairs in the middle of the story make that conclusion fit?

3. Why would "Maya never flew her kite again" not fit as a conclusion?

4. Write a different one-sentence conclusion that follows Maya's last flight.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence story about losing a small object and finding it. Make your third sentence a conclusion that follows the first two.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · C.4.3.f

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two events that help the kite fly again, then circle the sentence that concludes the story. Use your marks to see how the ending follows what happened. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which sentence concludes the story? Copy it.	**Now she knew a torn kite could fly again with a little help.**
2	How do the repairs in the middle of the story make that conclusion fit?	**Maya and her grandfather fixed the tail and loose stick, so the kite could fly again.**
3	Why would "Maya never flew her kite again" not fit as a conclusion?	**Maya flew the repaired kite before the breeze faded.**
4	Write a different one-sentence conclusion that follows Maya's last flight.	**After the wind stopped, Maya wound the string around the handle of her kite.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I lost my blue eraser under my desk during art class. I looked beneath my chair and found it near the desk leg. I put it back in my pencil case so I could use it later.

For question 4, accept any one-sentence conclusion consistent with Maya flying the repaired kite and winding its string when the breeze faded. For Part 3, the final sentence should follow the loss and discovery described in the first two sentences.