The Bell Rings

Notice how characters respond when plans change.

RL.2.3 "Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges in order to make meaning of the story development."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the three problems in the story 1, 2, and 3. Underline what a character does after each problem.

The Class Play

1. On the day of the class play, Jo reached into the prop box. The little bell was gone. Jo felt her cheeks grow hot. She looked under the chairs, then asked Kai to help her find it.

2. Kai found the bell behind a curtain, but its handle snapped when he picked it up. Jo stared at the broken piece. Kai held the bell by its rim and gave it a gentle shake. It still rang.

3. At show time, Kai had to act in the first scene. Jo had counted on his help. She took a slow breath, held the bell by its rim, and rang it alone. The play began right on time.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What did Jo do when the bell was missing?

2. How did Kai respond when the bell's handle broke?

3. What did Jo do when Kai could not help her at show time?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a new story in three sentences. Tell about a problem, what a character does about it, and what happens next.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · RL.2.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number the three problems in the story 1, 2, and 3. Underline what a character does after each problem. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Jo do when the bell was missing?	**Jo looked under the chairs and asked Kai to help find it.**
2	How did Kai respond when the bell's handle broke?	**Kai held the bell by its rim and shook it gently.**
3	What did Jo do when Kai could not help her at show time?	**Jo took a slow breath and rang the bell alone.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Nia's paper boat got stuck in the reeds. She used a long stick to pull it free. The boat floated back to her.

For the marking job, accept the missing bell, broken handle, and Kai's need to act as the three problems. Students should underline a matching action after each one.