Boat Under Bridge

Notice how each part of a story has a job.

RL.2.5 "Describe how parts of the text contribute to the overall structure of stories, poems and dramas (e.g., beginning, middle and end of stories; lines and stanzas in poems; and acts/scenes in dramas)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 for the beginning, middle, and end. Underline the problem in the beginning, circle the try that fails in the middle, and underline how the problem is solved in the end.

The Paper Boat

1. Mina carried a paper boat to the pond after the rain. She set it on the water, but a gust blew it under the little bridge. Mina could not reach it from the bank.

2. Mina found a long stick by a tree. She lay on her belly and reached under the bridge. The stick pushed the boat even farther away. Then her friend Jo held out a fishing net.

3. Jo dipped the net in the water and pulled the boat to shore. Mina thanked Jo. Together they put the boat back on the pond. This time, they watched it float past the bridge.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does the first paragraph set up the story?

2. How does the second paragraph make Mina's problem harder?

3. How does the last paragraph finish the story?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence story about a lost item you choose. Number the sentences 1, 2, and 3: show the problem first, an attempt to fix it next, and how it ends last.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · RL.2.5

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 for the beginning, middle, and end. Underline the problem in the beginning, circle the try that fails in the middle, and underline how the problem is solved in the end. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does the first paragraph set up the story?	**It shows the boat blowing under the bridge, where Mina cannot reach it.**
2	How does the second paragraph make Mina's problem harder?	**Mina tries to get the boat with a stick but pushes it farther away.**
3	How does the last paragraph finish the story?	**Jo pulls the boat to shore with a net, and Mina puts it back on the pond.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

1. I lost my red mitten at the park. 2. I looked by the swings, but I did not see it. 3. My dad found it under a pile of leaves.

Accept answers that identify the first paragraph's problem, the failed attempt in the second, and the solution in the third. For Part 3, look for three numbered sentences with those same story jobs.