One Puddle, Two Plans

Notice how two friends see the same puddle differently.

RL.2.6 "With prompting and support, acknowledge differences in the perspectives of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud, and how those perspectives shape the content of the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline what Nia says and circle what Eli says, then read their words aloud in voices that show how each feels.

The Path to the Garden

1. A wide puddle covered the path to the school garden. "A splash pond!" cried Nia. She bent her knees, ready to jump. Eli held his paper seed packet high. "My seeds might get wet," he said.

2. Nia leaped into the puddle. Water sprayed her boots. "That was fun! Come try it!" she called. Eli stepped back. "I want to plant these seeds, not soak them," he said. He looked for a dry way across.

3. Eli spotted a narrow path around the puddle. "I can go this way," he said. Nia splashed once more, then followed him to the garden. "You found a dry way!" she said with a grin.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does Nia think of the puddle, and what worries Eli about it?

2. How should Nia's voice sound when she says, "A splash pond!"? What in the story tells you?

3. How do Nia and Eli get past the puddle in different ways? Why?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine two friends see a big pile of leaves. Write three sentences: what one friend says, what the other friend says, and what each friend does because of how they see the leaves.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline what Nia says and circle what Eli says, then read their words aloud in voices that show how each feels. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does Nia think of the puddle, and what worries Eli about it?	**Nia thinks the puddle is fun to splash in. Eli worries that his seeds might get wet.**
2	How should Nia's voice sound when she says, "A splash pond!"? What in the story tells you?	**Her voice should sound excited. She cries out and gets ready to jump.**
3	How do Nia and Eli get past the puddle in different ways? Why?	**Nia jumps in because she wants to splash. Eli takes the dry path because he wants to keep his seeds dry.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

"A leaf mountain!" said Rae. "There might be bugs under it," said Max. Rae jumped into the leaves while Max watched from the path.

For the marking job, accept underlines beneath Nia's spoken words and circles around Eli's spoken words. For Your Turn, accept any two different views of the leaves if each friend's action fits that view.