Boat Trip Views

Sort what happens from how Nia sees it.

RL.3.6 "Distinguish their own perspective from that of the narrator or those of the characters, and describe how various perspectives shape the content of the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

NARRATOR

The narrator tells what happens in the story. These lines do not share a character's thoughts or feelings.

At noon, bells chimed.

CHARACTER

A character's view shows what that person thinks, feels, hopes, or believes. The narrator may tell you about a character's thoughts.

Omar believed soccer practice was too short.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each line about Nia's boat, circle Narrator or Character, then choose one line from each category and explain how you knew.

1.	Nia folded a paper boat.	NARRATOR	CHARACTER
2.	She set it in the stream.	NARRATOR	CHARACTER
3.	Nia feared the boat would sink.	NARRATOR	CHARACTER
4.	The boat floated under a branch.	NARRATOR	CHARACTER
5.	To Nia, the stream looked like a wild river.	NARRATOR	CHARACTER
6.	She hoped her boat would reach the bridge.	NARRATOR	CHARACTER
7.	A breeze pushed the boat around a rock.	NARRATOR	CHARACTER
8.	Nia ran along the bank.	NARRATOR	CHARACTER

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new line about Nia's boat that belongs in Narrator and one that belongs in Character.

NARRATOR _____

CHARACTER _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one Narrator line and one Character line from the sort. How does Nia's view add to what you know about the boat trip?

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · RL.3.6

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Nia folded a paper boat.	**NARRATOR**	Tells an action without sharing Nia's thoughts.
2	She set it in the stream.	**NARRATOR**	Tells an action without sharing Nia's thoughts.
3	Nia feared the boat would sink.	**CHARACTER**	Reveals Nia's fear.
4	The boat floated under a branch.	**NARRATOR**	Tells what the boat did without sharing Nia's thoughts.
5	To Nia, the stream looked like a wild river.	**CHARACTER**	Shows how Nia sees the stream.
6	She hoped her boat would reach the bridge.	**CHARACTER**	Reveals what Nia hopes.
7	A breeze pushed the boat around a rock.	**NARRATOR**	Tells what happened to the boat without sharing Nia's thoughts.
8	Nia ran along the bank.	**NARRATOR**	Tells an action without sharing Nia's thoughts.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **NARRATOR**: A leaf drifted past the boat.
- **CHARACTER**: Nia thought the leaf looked like a tiny island.

Challenge: Item 4 tells that the boat floated under a branch. Item 6 shows that Nia hopes it reaches the bridge, so I know what she wants to happen next.

For Part 2, a student might explain that item 2 tells what Nia did, while item 3 reveals what she feared. Accept other choices that correctly explain one line from each category.