Tap Tap Tale

Mark pauses and read with expression

RF.2.4.b "Read a variety of grade-appropriate text with text with prosody. • Engage in fluency practice activities echo reading) to demonstrate fluency in order and to support comprehension. accuracy, appropriate rate and (independent, partner..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the question marks and exclamation points. Draw a short line above each comma to plan a small pause, then read aloud with a voice that fits the marks.

The Garden Drummer

1. At recess, Nia heard a tiny tap near the garden. Tap, tap, tap. She stopped and listened. "Is someone at the gate?" she asked. Ben shook his head. The gate was still, but the tapping went on.

2. Nia and Ben stepped around a bush. A small bird stood by a metal cup. It pecked the cup with its beak. Tap, tap, tap! "There it is!" cried Ben. The bird hopped back and looked at them.

3. Nia whispered, "Let's sit and watch." Ben sat down beside her. The bird pecked once more, then flew to a branch. "What a funny drummer!" Ben said. They laughed softly while the bird watched from the branch.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Read Nia's question about the gate aloud. How should your voice sound at the end? What mark helps you know?

2. Read "There it is!" aloud. Should Ben sound excited or sleepy? What mark helps you know?

3. Read Nia's words in the last paragraph aloud. How loud should your voice be? What word gives you the clue?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences Ben could say next. Make the first a question and the second an excited sentence. Circle your question mark and exclamation point, then read both sentences aloud with a voice that fits each mark.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the question marks and exclamation points. Draw a short line above each comma to plan a small pause, then read aloud with a voice that fits the marks. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Read Nia's question about the gate aloud. How should your voice sound at the end? What mark helps you know?	**Her voice should sound like she is asking a question. The question mark is the clue.**
2	Read "There it is!" aloud. Should Ben sound excited or sleepy? What mark helps you know?	**Ben should sound excited. The exclamation point is the clue.**
3	Read Nia's words in the last paragraph aloud. How loud should your voice be? What word gives you the clue?	**Her words should be read quietly. The word "whispered" is the clue.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Will the bird tap again? I hope it does!

Accept original sentences with a question mark after the first and an exclamation point after the second. Listen for a questioning voice followed by an excited voice.