

Seed to Sprout

Notice how a story begins, moves, and ends.

2R5 "Describe the overall structure of a text, including describing how the beginning introduces the text and the ending concludes the text. (RI&RL)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3. Underline the beginning paragraph and circle the ending paragraph to show how the story is organized.

Mina's Bean Seed

- ① Mina brought a tiny bean seed to school. During recess, she planted it in a paper cup by the sunny window. She wondered if it would grow before the class science day.
- ② Each day, Mina gave the soil a little water. On Tuesday, nothing changed. On Wednesday, a green curl pushed through the dirt. Mina called her partner, Joel, and they measured it with a ruler.
- ③ By Friday, the sprout stood taller than Mina's thumb. She wrote its height in her notebook and smiled. At science time, Mina showed the class her new plant. Her waiting was over.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 How does the beginning introduce the story?

2 What happens in the middle paragraph that moves the story forward?

3 How does the ending conclude the story?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-sentence story about a child trying to do something. The first sentence must introduce the child and the goal, the second must tell what happens, and the last must end the story.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3. Underline the beginning paragraph and circle the ending paragraph to show how the story is organized. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does the beginning introduce the story?	It introduces Mina, her bean seed, and her hope that it will grow before science day.
2	What happens in the middle paragraph that moves the story forward?	The seed sprouts, and Mina and Joel measure the green curl.
3	How does the ending conclude the story?	Mina shows the class her new plant, and her waiting is over.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Leo wanted to build a birdhouse for his grandmother's garden. He used wood, nails, and a small hammer, but one side kept falling down. After his dad showed him how to hold the pieces, Leo finished the birdhouse and placed it in the garden.

Accept answers that identify the beginning as introducing Mina and her goal, the middle as showing the sprout appear, and the ending as showing Mina share the plant. For Your Turn, accept any coherent three-sentence story with a clear introduction, event, and conclusion.