

Trail Talk

Use punctuation and phrases to read a park story smoothly.

3RF4 “Read grade-level text with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle every comma, question mark, and exclamation mark, and underline the words inside quotation marks, then use these marks to pause and make your voice match each sentence.

Mina's Park Walk

- ① On Saturday morning, Mina met her grandpa at Willow Park. They carried a small paper map and a bag of birdseed. “Where should we start?” Mina asked. Grandpa pointed to a wooden sign near the gate. It said, “Pond Trail.” Mina read the two words slowly, then smiled. She knew the trail would lead them to water.
- ② At the pond, a duck paddled beside the reeds. Mina whispered, “Look, Grandpa, three ducklings!” The ducklings bobbed behind their mother. One duckling turned toward a shiny can near the shore. Grandpa used a litter picker to lift the can into a bin. “That keeps the pond safer,” he said. Mina nodded and scattered a few seeds on dry ground.
- ③ Farther along, Mina found a bench under an oak tree. She opened the map and traced the blue line with her finger. “The trail loops back to the gate,” she said. Grandpa checked the sky, then smiled. They had time to walk the whole path. As they headed home, Mina read the sign once more, smoothly and clearly.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

- 1 Copy Mina's question from the first paragraph. Keep its end mark.

- 2 Copy Mina's excited words about the ducklings. Add a / after each comma to show a short pause.

- 3 What two-word trail name should you read smoothly as one name?

- 4 At the end of the story, which two words tell how Mina read the sign?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about a place you know. Include one comma in the first sentence and a question mark in the second sentence. Add a / after the comma to show where you will pause.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle every comma, question mark, and exclamation mark, and underline the words inside quotation marks, then use these marks to pause and make your voice match each sentence. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy Mina's question from the first paragraph. Keep its end mark.	"Where should we start?"
2	Copy Mina's excited words about the ducklings. Add a / after each comma to show a short pause.	"Look, / Grandpa, / three ducklings!"
3	What two-word trail name should you read smoothly as one name?	Pond Trail
4	At the end of the story, which two words tell how Mina read the sign?	smoothly and clearly

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the playground, / I swing high. Can you push me?

Accept accurate copying that keeps the quotation marks and end punctuation. For the open response, accept any two original sentences about a place, with a comma and pause mark in the first sentence and a question mark in the second.