

A Strong Ending

Read how a narrative wraps up its problem and final thought.

3W3.d "Provide a conclusion."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB In the last paragraph, underline details that tell what happened after the problem. Circle the last sentence that gives Maya's final thought.

The Windy Garden

- ① On Saturday morning, Maya carried a tray of tomato seedlings to the school garden. Her class planned to sell tomatoes at the spring fair. As Maya set the tray beside the fence, a strong wind pushed through the yard. The tray tipped, and tiny plants spilled onto the dirt. Maya stared at their bent stems.
- ② Mr. Lee hurried over with pots and a small shovel. "We can still help them," he said. Maya and two classmates gently lifted each seedling. They pressed soil around the roots and gave the plants water. Most stood up again, but three stems stayed flat. Maya worried that the class would have too few tomatoes for the fair.
- ③ On the day of the fair, Maya found new leaves on the three weak plants. She smiled as families bought the ripe tomatoes from the garden table. The class earned enough money for next year's seeds. Maya was glad she had not given up when the wind made a mess. She knew careful work could help a problem grow smaller.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How has the problem changed by the end of the story?

2 Copy one sentence from the last paragraph that tells a final result of the garden work.

3 How does Maya feel at the end? Use a detail from the conclusion to explain.

4 Why does the last paragraph give the story a complete ending? Name two details it includes.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine that your kite gets stuck in a tree just before a family picnic. Write exactly three conclusion sentences that tell how the problem is solved, what happens at the end, and how you feel or what you learn.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

In the last paragraph, underline details that tell what happened after the problem. Circle the last sentence that gives Maya's final thought. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How has the problem changed by the end of the story?	The weak plants grew new leaves, and the class had ripe tomatoes to sell at the fair.
2	Copy one sentence from the last paragraph that tells a final result of the garden work.	"The class earned enough money for next year's seeds."
3	How does Maya feel at the end? Use a detail from the conclusion to explain.	Maya feels glad because she did not give up when the wind made a mess.
4	Why does the last paragraph give the story a complete ending? Name two details it includes.	It tells what happened at the fair and how Maya feels. It also gives Maya's final thought about careful work.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My uncle used a long pole to lift the kite's string from the branch. I ran across the field, and the kite rose above the picnic blankets. I felt proud that I stayed calm, and I learned that asking for help can save a special day.

Accept answers that identify a resolved problem, a final event, and Maya's feeling or reflection. For the open response, accept exactly three sentences that clearly close the kite story with a solution, an outcome, and a feeling or lesson.