

Kite in the Wind

Notice how transition words guide a narrative from beginning to end.

4W3.c "Use transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every transition word or phrase that tells when an event happens. Number the underlined transitions in the order they appear to trace the story's events.

Maya's Blue Kite

- ① On Saturday morning, Maya carried her blue kite to the hill behind her apartment. First, she spread the kite on the grass and checked its wooden crossbars. One thin bar had slipped out of its pocket. Carefully, Maya pushed it back and tied the loose string. The kite was ready, but the wind still felt weak there.
- ② A few minutes later, a breeze bent the tall weeds. Maya ran up the hill, holding the kite above her head. Next, she let out a short length of string and jogged forward. The kite wobbled, then dipped toward the ground. Instead of giving up, Maya pulled the string tight and waited for a stronger gust.
- ③ Finally, the gust arrived, and the kite lifted over Maya's head. She fed out more string as it climbed into the bright sky. Soon, it was floating above the hill like a blue bird. After that, Maya called to her brother, who waved from the path. At last, she sat in the grass and watched the kite dance until lunchtime.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which transition word introduces Maya's first action with the kite?

2 What transition phrase tells when the breeze came after Maya fixed the kite?

3 The kite "wobbled, then dipped." What happened first, and which word connects the two events?

4 Which transition phrase tells what Maya did after the kite floated above the hill?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a five-sentence narrative about an outdoor activity. Use at least four transition words or phrases to show the order of events.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every transition word or phrase that tells when an event happens. Number the underlined transitions in the order they appear to trace the story's events. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which transition word introduces Maya's first action with the kite?	First
2	What transition phrase tells when the breeze came after Maya fixed the kite?	A few minutes later
3	The kite "wobbled, then dipped." What happened first, and which word connects the two events?	The kite wobbled first. The word "then" connects the events.
4	Which transition phrase tells what Maya did after the kite floated above the hill?	After that

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First, I packed a sandwich and a water bottle for a picnic. Next, I rode my bike to the park with my dad. A few minutes later, we found a shady table near the pond. Then, a duck waddled close and stole a crumb. Finally, we laughed and cleaned up our lunch.

Accept the listed transition words or phrases and answers that accurately describe the linked events. For the writing task, accept any clear five-sentence narrative with at least four transitions used in a logical event sequence.