

The Boat Race

Read how a narrative ending grows from its events.

4W3.e "Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the two sentences at the end that conclude Maya's experience by showing what she thinks or will do next.

Maya's Cardboard Boat

- ① On Saturday, Maya carried her cardboard boat to the school pond for the boat race. She had spent two evenings folding the sides and covering the seams with tape. At the water's edge, she noticed a small rip near the bow. Her stomach tightened as other students placed bright boats on the pond beside her.
- ② Maya asked her partner, Luis, to hold the boat while she pressed a strip of tape over the rip. When the whistle blew, they set it gently on the water. For a moment, the boat tipped toward one side. Then it floated straight and crossed the finish line behind two other boats. Maya and Luis cheered anyway.
- ③ After the race, Maya lifted the damp boat and saw that the tape was still holding. She did not win a ribbon, but she carried the boat home carefully. On the walk home, she decided that fixing a problem could feel as satisfying as finishing first. She wanted to build another boat, because now she knew she could handle a surprise.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which two sentences form the conclusion of the narrative?

2 What does Maya learn by the end of the story?

3 What does Maya plan to do after the boat race?

4 How does Maya's plan to build another boat follow from what happened in the race?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a five-sentence narrative about a small problem during an activity. Make the last two sentences a conclusion that tells what you learned, felt, decided, or will do next.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the two sentences at the end that conclude Maya's experience by showing what she thinks or will do next. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two sentences form the conclusion of the narrative?	"On the walk home, she decided that fixing a problem could feel as satisfying as finishing first." and "She wanted to build another boat, because now she knew she could handle a surprise."
2	What does Maya learn by the end of the story?	She learns that fixing a problem can feel as satisfying as finishing first.
3	What does Maya plan to do after the boat race?	She wants to build another boat.
4	How does Maya's plan to build another boat follow from what happened in the race?	She repaired the rip, her boat floated, and she learned that she could handle a surprise.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I brought my bean plant to class for show-and-tell. On the bus, the pot tipped, and soil spilled into my bag. At school, I borrowed a cup and gently moved the plant into it. When I saw the leaves standing up again, I felt relieved that I had stayed calm. I decided to check the pot more carefully before carrying the plant anywhere else.

Accept answers that identify the final two sentences as the conclusion and connect Maya's lesson and future plan to repairing the boat. For the writing task, accept varied events if the final two sentences clearly follow from the narrative and provide closure.