

# Growing Patience

Read how a narrative ending connects to earlier events.

**5W3.e** "Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events."

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline the sentence that concludes Maya's experience, then circle two earlier details that show why that ending makes sense.

### Maya's Garden Row

- ① On Saturday, Maya carried a paper bag of bean seeds to the empty garden bed behind the library. Her class had cleared the weeds on Friday, but dark clouds pressed above the school. Maya wanted to plant before the rain arrived. She borrowed a trowel from Mr. Chen and made a row of small holes in the soft soil.
- ② Just as Maya dropped the last seed, wind bent the sunflower stalks nearby. She hurried to cover the row, but the first raindrops struck her sleeves. Mr. Chen called from the library steps, "The soil needs a gentle drink." Maya watched water soak into the bed and felt less worried about the storm. The rain stayed light.
- ③ By Monday, tiny green shoots curved above the soil. Maya showed her classmates the neat row and explained how the rain had helped the seeds settle. When Mr. Chen asked whether she would plant again, Maya smiled. "Next time, I will watch the weather, but I will not rush away from every cloud," she said. The garden no longer looked empty, and Maya understood that patience could help a plan grow.

**2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE** \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

**1** Which sentence gives the clearest conclusion to Maya's experience?

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**2** What lesson does Maya learn by the end of the narrative?

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**3** Name two earlier events that support Maya's lesson about patience.

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**4** How does Maya's choice not to rush away from every cloud connect to the final sentence?

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**3 YOUR TURN** \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Write a five-sentence narrative about a character who faces a small problem. Use the first four sentences to tell the events, and use the fifth sentence as a conclusion that shows what the character learned from the experience.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline the sentence that concludes Maya's experience, then circle two earlier details that show why that ending makes sense. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                | ANSWER                                                                                                                            |
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| 1 | Which sentence gives the clearest conclusion to Maya's experience?                      | <b>The garden no longer looked empty, and Maya understood that patience could help a plan grow.</b>                               |
| 2 | What lesson does Maya learn by the end of the narrative?                                | <b>She learns that patience can help a plan succeed or grow.</b>                                                                  |
| 3 | Name two earlier events that support Maya's lesson about patience.                      | <b>The light rain soaked into the garden bed, and tiny green shoots appeared by Monday. Either detail supports her lesson.</b>    |
| 4 | How does Maya's choice not to rush away from every cloud connect to the final sentence? | <b>She sees that the rain helped the seeds settle and grow, so she understands that waiting calmly can help her plan succeed.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

Leo packed his model bridge carefully, but one side cracked on the bus ride to school. At lunch, he asked the art teacher for tape and used craft sticks to strengthen the broken piece. When the class tested bridges, Leo's repaired bridge held the stack of pennies. He did not win the contest, but he recorded which supports worked best. As he carried the bridge home, Leo knew that a setback could teach him how to build better.

Accept equivalent wording for the final sentence and Maya's lesson. For the open response, accept a conclusion that clearly grows from the events and states or strongly implies what the character learned.