

Rainy Trail Rescue

Notice how exact actions and sensory details build a narrative moment.

7W3.d "Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline four precise action verbs and circle four sensory details. These choices show what happens and help the reader experience the moment.

The Lost Map

- ① At dusk, Maya wheeled her bicycle toward the riverside park as clouds pressed low over the trail. A sudden gust snapped the loose map from her handlebar. It skittered across the wet pavement and slapped against a storm-drain grate. Maya lunged after it, but her sneaker slid on a slick patch of leaves. Cold rain peppered her cheeks, and the river smelled sharp and muddy below the path. Behind her, bicycle spokes clicked softly in the wind.
- ② She grabbed the iron rail beside the grate and steadied herself. The map's blue corner fluttered through the metal slots, almost within reach. Maya dropped to one knee, hooked two fingers beneath the soggy paper, and tugged. It tore free with a damp rip. A bus hissed at the nearby stop, spraying grit into the air. She folded the map against her chest and listened to rain drum on the hood of her jacket above her.
- ③ With the map safe inside her jacket, Maya pedaled home before the trail disappeared into darkness. Water flicked from the tires in silver arcs, and each turn of the pedals burned in her legs. At the bridge, she slowed and looked back at the grate. The rain had softened to a whisper. Maya laughed once, breathless and surprised, then rode on with the map warm against her ribs. The park lights blinked like pale coins through the mist.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What two precise verbs describe how the map moved after the wind took it?

2 Copy one detail that lets you hear the rainy setting. What sound does it create in your mind?

3 What does the phrase “each turn of the pedals burned in her legs” show about Maya's experience?

4 Choose one weather detail from the beginning and one from the end. How do these details show that the weather changed?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a 5-6 sentence scene about recovering an important object outdoors. Use at least three precise action verbs and at least three sensory details, and show a feeling through the character's actions or details.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline four precise action verbs and circle four sensory details. These choices show what happens and help the reader experience the moment. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What two precise verbs describe how the map moved after the wind took it?	"Skittered" and "slapped."
2	Copy one detail that lets you hear the rainy setting. What sound does it create in your mind?	Possible response: "rain drum on the hood of her jacket." It creates the sound of steady rain hitting her jacket.
3	What does the phrase "each turn of the pedals burned in her legs" show about Maya's experience?	It shows that pedaling was physically difficult and her legs were tired or strained.
4	Choose one weather detail from the beginning and one from the end. How do these details show that the weather changed?	Possible response: At the beginning, "Cold rain peppered her cheeks." At the end, "The rain had softened to a whisper." The rain changed from hard, sharp drops to a quieter, lighter rain.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

When the wind knocked my library book beneath the bleachers, I crouched on the cold gravel. Dust scratched my knees, and the sharp smell of rubber drifted from the track. I threaded my arm between the metal bars and dragged the book through a puddle. Its soaked pages stuck to my fingers while the coach's whistle shrilled across the field. I tucked the book under my shirt and hurried toward the library, listening to water drip from its cover.

Accept equivalent quoted sensory details and reasonable explanations of their effects. For the writing task, look for a connected 5-6 sentence scene with at least three specific action verbs, at least three sensory details, and a feeling shown through details or actions.