Kite Comes Home

Find the events that tell a whole story.

2.2.R.3 "Students will begin to summarize the plot of a story to include the beginning, middle, and end."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 for the beginning, middle, and end, then underline the most important event in each one.

Nia's Red Kite

1. On a windy Saturday, Nia took her red kite to the park. She ran across the grass, and the kite rose high. Then a strong gust blew it into a tall tree. Nia could not reach it.

2. Nia tried to reach the kite with a stick, but it was too short. Her brother spotted the kite string hanging nearby. He held a low branch steady while Nia gently pulled the string. The kite slipped free.

3. Nia caught the kite as it dropped from the branch. One corner was torn, so she taped it at home. Soon she was back at the park, watching her red kite fly above the grass again.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What happens at the beginning that gives Nia a problem to solve?

2. Summarize how Nia and her brother solve the problem in the middle.

3. How does the story end after the kite comes free?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine Nia cannot find the kite string. Write a new three-sentence summary of the story. Tell what happens at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end, using a different way for Nia to get her kite back.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.2.R.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 for the beginning, middle, and end, then underline the most important event in each one. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What happens at the beginning that gives Nia a problem to solve?	**A gust blows Nia's kite into a tree where she cannot reach it.**
2	Summarize how Nia and her brother solve the problem in the middle.	**Her brother holds a low branch steady while Nia pulls the kite string until the kite comes free.**
3	How does the story end after the kite comes free?	**Nia tapes the torn kite at home, then flies it at the park again.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A gust blows Nia's kite into a tall tree at the park. Nia cannot find the string, so a park worker uses a long pole to lift the kite free. Nia tapes the torn kite at home and flies it again.

For the marking job, accept underlined events that show the kite getting stuck, Nia and her brother freeing it, and Nia repairing and flying it again. For Your Turn, accept any three-sentence summary with a clear beginning, middle, and end and a new, sensible way to retrieve the kite.