The Mitten Clue

Read a story and track the narrator's words.

2.3.R.2 "Students will determine whether a grade-level literary text is narrated in first- or third-person point of view with prompting."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two words outside the speech marks that the narrator uses for Mina. Circle the word inside the speech marks that the boy uses for himself.

A Mitten at the Park

1. On Saturday, Mina found a tiny red mitten under the park bench. She held it up and looked around. No one was near the swings. Mina tucked the mitten into her coat pocket so it would not get wet.

2. At the slide, a little boy stared at his bare hand. Mina ran over and showed him the mitten. "I lost it!" he said. He pulled it on and gave Mina a big smile. Then he ran back to play.

3. Mina watched the boy wave as he climbed the steps. She waved back. A drop of rain landed on her nose, and she laughed. The mitten was safe, and Mina was ready to race the raindrops home.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Is this story told in first person or third person? How do you know?

2. The boy says, "I lost it!" Does his word "I" make the story first person? Explain.

3. In paragraph 3, write two words the narrator uses for Mina. What do they show?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a child finding a lost toy. Tell the story in third person, but let the child say "I" in speech marks.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.3.R.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two words outside the speech marks that the narrator uses for Mina. Circle the word inside the speech marks that the boy uses for himself. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Is this story told in first person or third person? How do you know?	**Third person. The narrator calls the main character Mina and she.**
2	The boy says, "I lost it!" Does his word "I" make the story first person? Explain.	**No. The boy says "I," but the narrator does not.**
3	In paragraph 3, write two words the narrator uses for Mina. What do they show?	**Mina and she show that the story is told in third person.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Nia found a lost toy bear by the gate. She picked it up and said, "I can find its owner!"

Accept any two suitable words outside the speech marks for the marking job, such as Mina and She. In Part 3, the narrator should use third-person words even though the child's speech includes "I."