Kite in Trouble

Find the setting, plot, and character traits in a story.

2.3.R.3 "Students will find examples of literary elements: • setting (i.e., time and place) • plot (i.e., beginning, middle, end) • characters and their traits"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the characters' names, underline the words that tell when and where the story happens, and write 1, 2, and 3 beside the beginning, middle, and end.

The Paper Kite

1. On a windy Saturday morning, Maya and Ben went to the town garden. They carried a small kite made from paper and sticks. Maya wanted to fly it before the rain came. Ben held the string while Maya lifted the kite.

2. A hard gust blew the kite into a tall bush. Its paper tore on a branch. Ben frowned and said, "We should go home." Maya took a deep breath. She asked Ben to hold the bush still while she reached for the kite.

3. Maya pulled the kite free. Ben found a dry leaf and used it to patch the tear with a bit of tape from his pocket. Together, they ran across the grass. The kite rose just as the first raindrops fell.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. When and where does the story begin?

2. What problem happens in the middle, and how is it solved by the end?

3. What trait does Maya show when the kite tears? What does she do that shows it?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about a new character. Tell when and where the story begins, show a problem, and end with an action that shows the character's trait.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the characters' names, underline the words that tell when and where the story happens, and write 1, 2, and 3 beside the beginning, middle, and end. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	When and where does the story begin?	**On a windy Saturday morning at the town garden.**
2	What problem happens in the middle, and how is it solved by the end?	**The kite blows into a bush and tears. Maya frees it, Ben patches it, and they fly it.**
3	What trait does Maya show when the kite tears? What does she do that shows it?	**Maya is determined. She takes a deep breath and reaches for the kite instead of going home.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On a snowy morning, Leo played with his friend in the school yard. A gust blew his friend's scarf into a tree. Leo used a long stick to pull down the scarf and gave it back.

Accept other supported traits for Maya, such as calm or patient. For the open task, look for a clear time and place, a problem, and an ending action that shows a trait.