Mina's River Town

How land and weather shape a town

2.C.3 "Describe the physical and human characteristics of their environment. Construct and use basic physical and political maps, including a legend and compass rose..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two natural features of the land or water. Circle two things people built to help you tell natural and human features apart.

Life by the River

1. Mina lives in a town beside a wide river. A grassy hill rises behind the town. In spring, heavy rain can make the river rise. The water sometimes covers the low land near its banks.

2. People built their school on the hill, where floodwater is less likely to reach it. They built a footbridge across the river so children can walk to school. The school and bridge are human features of the town.

3. On rainy days, Mina wears a raincoat to stay dry. Her family keeps rain boots by the door. Wearing these things helps them live with the wet weather. Building the school on high land changes how the land is used.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does the hill affect where people built the school?

2. Name one natural feature and one human feature in Mina's town.

3. How does Mina stay dry in the rain? What did people build to make travel easier?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a place you know or invent one. Draw a natural feature and something people could build there. Write one sentence telling why people would build it there.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two natural features of the land or water. Circle two things people built to help you tell natural and human features apart. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does the hill affect where people built the school?	**People built the school on the hill because floodwater is less likely to reach it.**
2	Name one natural feature and one human feature in Mina's town.	**The river is a natural feature. The footbridge is a human feature.**
3	How does Mina stay dry in the rain? What did people build to make travel easier?	**Mina wears a raincoat. People built a footbridge so children can cross the river to school.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The drawing shows a creek with a bridge over it. People build the bridge so they can cross the creek without getting wet.

For the marking job, accept river, hill, or low land as natural features, and school or footbridge as things people built. For Your Turn, accept a different sensible link between a natural feature and a structure.