

Rainy Day Stand

Trace one problem from beginning to ending.

4.W.1.B "Write personal or fictional narratives that are logically organized around a central problem or experience."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read this fictional story. Underline the sentence that introduces Maya's problem, number 1, 2, and 3 beside three actions she takes to solve it, and circle a sentence that shows the outcome. These marks show how the narrative stays organized around one problem.

Maya's Lemonade Stand

- ① On Saturday morning, Maya carried a folding table to the corner near her apartment. She wanted to sell lemonade and earn money for the animal shelter's food drive. Her uncle had donated lemons, cups, and a bright yellow sign. Just as Maya mixed the first pitcher, dark clouds covered the sun, and fat drops began to splash on her sign.
- ② Maya hurried to pull the table under the building awning, but the rain blew sideways. If the cups got wet, no one could use them. First, she carried the cups inside the lobby. Next, she and her uncle moved the lemons and pitcher to a dry bench. Maya stared at the empty corner and wondered how she could still help the shelter.
- ③ Then Maya noticed people entering the lobby to stay dry. She placed her sign beside the door and asked her uncle for a small tray. From the dry bench, she poured cups one at a time and offered them to neighbors. By noon, Maya had sold most of the lemonade. She packed the remaining supplies, counted her earnings, and smiled because the shelter would receive the money.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

- 1 What central problem does Maya face?

- 2** List three actions Maya takes after the rain begins, in order.

- 3** Which two words in paragraph 2 help you follow the order of Maya's actions?

- 4** How does the final paragraph resolve Maya's problem? Use one detail from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a 7 to 9 sentence fictional narrative in 3 paragraphs. Introduce one central problem, tell the character's actions in order using time-order words, and end by showing what happens to the problem.

Your story

Write three paragraphs. Check that your 7-9 sentences show one problem, the character's actions in order and the outcome.

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PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Read this fictional story. Underline the sentence that introduces Maya's problem, number 1, 2, and 3 beside three actions she takes to solve it, and circle a sentence that shows the outcome. These marks show how the narrative stays organized around one problem. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What central problem does Maya face?	Rain threatens Maya's lemonade stand and makes it hard for her to sell lemonade for the shelter.
2	List three actions Maya takes after the rain begins, in order.	She carries the cups into the lobby, moves the lemons and pitcher to a dry bench, and places her sign beside the door.
3	Which two words in paragraph 2 help you follow the order of Maya's actions?	First and Next.
4	How does the final paragraph resolve Maya's problem? Use one detail from the passage.	Maya sells most of the lemonade from the lobby, so she earns money for the animal shelter.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On the morning of the school fun run, Luis opened his backpack and found one muddy sneaker instead of two. The other sneaker was missing, and the race would start in twenty minutes.

First, Luis searched under the bench near the field. Next, he asked the coach if anyone had turned in a shoe. A younger student pointed to the bus steps, where Luis found his sneaker stuck behind a seat. Luis cleaned the mud with a towel and tied both shoes.

He reached the starting line just as the whistle blew. Luis ran the race and felt relieved that he had solved the problem.

Accept responses that identify the rain as the central problem and explain actions in the order they occur. For the writing task, accept a 7 to 9 sentence, three-paragraph narrative with one clear problem or experience, logically ordered events, and an ending that shows an outcome. The eight-sentence sample has three paragraphs: problem, attempts and outcome.