

# Storm at the Fair

Notice how a narrator's feelings shape an event.

**CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.6** "Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described."

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline two words or phrases that show the narrator's feelings. Circle two details the narrator notices because the garden fair matters to the narrator.

### The Garden Fair

- ① On the morning of the school garden fair, I carried a tray of seedlings to the courtyard. Dark clouds gathered above the paper lanterns that our class had hung. I had spent three weeks raising basil plants, so every gust felt like a warning. When the first raindrops tapped the tables, I gripped my tray and searched for Ms. Alvarez.
- ② Then wind lifted the corner of the display tent. I saw Noah laughing as he chased a rolling sign, but I thought he did not understand the danger. The tent pole leaned toward my seedlings. My hands shook while I moved the tray beneath the awning. By the time Ms. Alvarez reached us, rain had soaked the price tags and flattened several basil leaves.
- ③ Ms. Alvarez called for everyone to carry supplies inside. Noah arrived beside me with a box of dry napkins, and together we saved most of the plants. Later, he explained that he had been laughing because the runaway sign said, "Fresh Air," not because the storm was funny. From where I stood, the fair had seemed like a disaster. By noon, customers were buying basil.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

- ① What point of view is this passage told from? Give one word or phrase from the passage that proves your answer.

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**2** How does caring for the basil plants influence the way the narrator describes the storm?

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**3** At first, what does the narrator think Noah's laughter means? What does the narrator learn later?

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**4** Why does the narrator call the fair “a disaster,” even though customers buy basil by noon?

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**3 YOUR TURN** \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Write exactly 3 sentences about a sudden rainstorm during an outdoor event from the point of view of someone who cares about one important item there. Include a feeling, two details the narrator notices, and an explanation of how those details make the event seem.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline two words or phrases that show the narrator's feelings. Circle two details the narrator notices because the garden fair matters to the narrator. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                                        | ANSWER                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 1 | What point of view is this passage told from? Give one word or phrase from the passage that proves your answer. | <b>It is told in first person. The narrator uses words such as "I," "my tray," and "my hands."</b>                                                           |
| 2 | How does caring for the basil plants influence the way the narrator describes the storm?                        | <b>Because the narrator worked for three weeks to raise the plants, each gust seems like a warning. The description focuses on protecting the seedlings.</b> |
| 3 | At first, what does the narrator think Noah's laughter means? What does the narrator learn later?               | <b>The narrator thinks Noah does not understand the danger. Later, the narrator learns he was laughing at the runaway sign, not at the storm.</b>            |
| 4 | Why does the narrator call the fair "a disaster," even though customers buy basil by noon?                      | <b>The worried narrator notices damaged plants and supplies during the storm. That concern makes the event seem worse than its final outcome shows.</b>      |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

When rain began at the picnic, I worried that my paper map would tear. I tucked it under my jacket and watched puddles cover the path and water drip from the bench. Because I needed the map to lead my family, the storm seemed like a problem instead of a cool surprise.

Accept answers that identify the first-person narrator and explain how worry about the basil affects the details and judgments in the description. For the Your Turn task, accept any three-sentence response with a clear point of view, a feeling, two relevant details and an explanation of how the viewpoint shapes the event.