

Talk Tells Thoughts

Use characters' spoken words to infer their ideas.

2.RL.3.B "Recognize dialogue in text and explain how it can reveal characters' thoughts and perspectives."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline all the spoken words in quotation marks. Beside each set, write M if Maya speaks or L if Leo speaks. Then put a star beside Leo's last spoken words. Think about how his idea changes.

The Lost Turtle

After school, Maya found a small stuffed turtle beside the playground fence. "It may be lost," she said. Her friend Leo pointed to the dark clouds. "We should hurry home before the rain starts."

Maya held the toy. "I want to help it get back to its owner," she told Leo. Leo looked at the clouds. "Rain could ruin it. Let's ask the park worker."

The worker put the toy in the lost-and-found box at the park office. Maya smiled. "I am glad we asked for help," she said. Leo nodded. "Me too. The owner can find it there."

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What does Maya's first spoken sentence show she thinks about the stuffed turtle?

2 Leo says, "Rain could ruin it." What does this show about Leo's point of view?

3 How do Leo's words at the end show a change in his thinking?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a short conversation about finding a lunchbox on a bus. Show two different ideas about what to do.

Write and explain

Write one speaking turn for each child. Use quotation marks and tell who speaks. Give the children different ideas about what to do next. Then write one sentence explaining how their ideas differ. Check that your dialogue shows those ideas.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline all the spoken words in quotation marks. Beside each set, write M if Maya speaks or L if Leo speaks. Then put a star beside Leo's last spoken words. Think about how his idea changes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does Maya's first spoken sentence show she thinks about the stuffed turtle?	Maya thinks the stuffed turtle may be lost.
2	Leo says, "Rain could ruin it." What does this show about Leo's point of view?	Leo thinks the toy should not be left outside because rain could damage it.
3	How do Leo's words at the end show a change in his thinking?	At first Leo wants to hurry home. At the end, he agrees that getting help will help the owner find the toy.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

"Let's give the lunchbox to the bus driver," Kim said. "Let's read the name tag first," Omar said. Kim wants an adult to help, but Omar wants to find out whose lunchbox it is first.

TEACHER ASSESSMENT NOTES

There are six speaking turns, in order M, L, M, L, M, L. The speaking turn that begins "Rain could ruin it" contains two sentences, both spoken by Leo. His final turn is "Me too. The owner can find it there." Accept explanations grounded in the dialogue: he begins by wanting to hurry home and ends by valuing help for the owner. For the open task, expect two speakers, quotation marks, different ideas, and an explanation matching both ideas. Read aloud and support writing as needed.