Seed Travel Clues

Ask and answer questions using details from a story.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.1 "Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline what Maya does to solve her problem. Circle words that show how her feelings change.

Maya's Traveling Seed

1 Maya held a small packet of maple seeds on the way to school. She had promised to bring one for the class garden, but a gust lifted her last loose seed from her hand. It spun across the path. "Come back!" she cried, chasing it past the gate. At the corner, the seed disappeared under a bench. Maya sat down, worried that she had broken her promise.

2 Her friend Eli stopped beside the bench. "Let's look slowly," he said. Maya knelt and spotted the papery wing beside a leaf. She reached for it, but her sleeve brushed it farther back. Eli held a fallen twig still while Maya gently pulled the seed toward them. "We found it together," Maya said, smiling.

3 In class, Maya placed the seed in the garden tray. She told everyone how Eli had helped her. "Next time I'll keep the seeds in the packet until I'm inside," she said. Eli offered to make a label for their tray. Maya wrote both their names on it. Her promise had become a shared project.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why is Maya worried after the seed disappears? Underline the words that support your answer.

2. How do Maya and Eli get the seed back? Use two details from the story.

3. What will Maya do differently next time? Refer to her words.

4. How does the ending show that the project is shared? Use two details.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write one new question about a detail in the passage that Part 2 did not ask about. Then answer your question in two sentences, using a detail from the passage.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · RL.3.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline what Maya does to solve her problem. Circle words that show how her feelings change. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is Maya worried after the seed disappears? Underline the words that support your answer.	**She promised to bring a seed and worries she has broken her promise.**
2	How do Maya and Eli get the seed back? Use two details from the story.	**Eli holds a twig still while Maya gently pulls the seed toward them.**
3	What will Maya do differently next time? Refer to her words.	**She will keep the seeds in the packet until she is inside.**
4	How does the ending show that the project is shared? Use two details.	**Eli offers to make a label and Maya writes both their names on it.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Question: How does Maya feel when she finds the seed? Answer: Maya feels relieved and happy. The story says she is smiling when she says they found it together.

Accept answers that correctly state a detail from the passage and point to, quote, or clearly paraphrase supporting words. For Part 3, accept any new text-based question and a two-sentence answer that accurately uses passage evidence.