Picture Clues

See how illustration details deepen a story.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.7 "Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Look at the three supplied numbered illustrations. Underline one matching story detail and point to an observed picture detail for each paragraph. Use actual clouds, poses, umbrella, ducks and sunlight to explain how the pictures add meaning.

Mina's Rainy Picnic

1. On Saturday, Mina planned a picnic at Willow Park. Dark clouds covered the sky, and rain tapped the window. "My map will get soggy," she said. Her grandfather handed her a clear plastic folder.

2. Mina tucked the map inside and walked with Grandfather to the park. The rain slowed to a mist. At the gate, they saw three small ducks huddled under a bench. Mina spread her red umbrella above them.

3. A park worker came by with a box. "These ducklings were separated from their mother," he explained. He carried them to a dry shelter near the pond. The sun broke through the clouds as Mina and Grandfather opened their picnic.

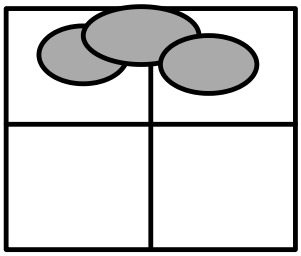
1 STORY ILLUSTRATIONS

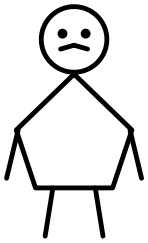
Use with the story

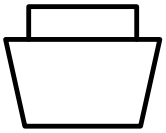
Look closely at the supplied picture details. Use this page with the story and questions.

THREE PICTURES FOR MINA'S RAINY PICNIC

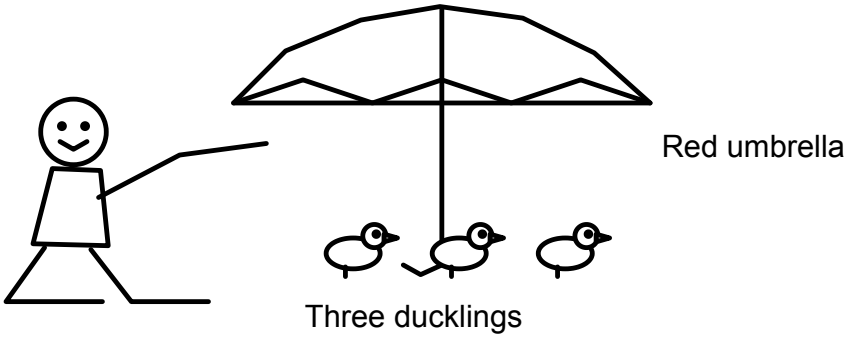
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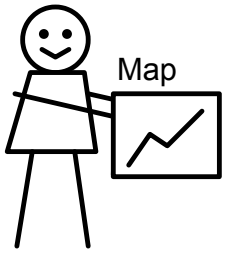


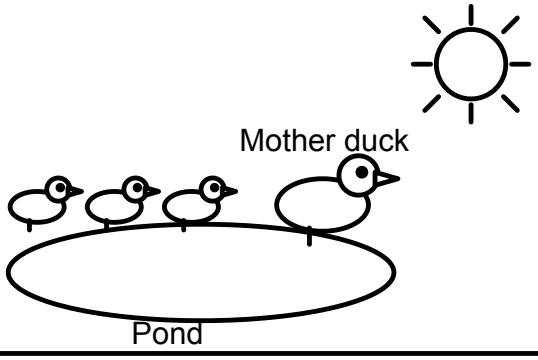


Picture 2



Picture 3





2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do the gray clouds and Mina's drooping shoulders in the first illustration add to the words about rain and a soggy map?

2. What does the second illustration, with tiny ducks under a wide umbrella, help you understand about Mina?

3. How does the final illustration help show that the ducklings' problem is solved?

4. The first picture has gray clouds, and the last picture has sunlight. How do these illustration details change the story's mood?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine the words say, "Jamal spotted his kite caught high in an oak tree." Write two sentences. In the first sentence, describe illustration details. In the second sentence, explain how those details add to the words.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Look at the three supplied numbered illustrations. Underline one matching story detail and point to an observed picture detail for each paragraph. Use actual clouds, poses, umbrella, ducks and sunlight to explain how the pictures add meaning. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do the gray clouds and Mina's drooping shoulders in the first illustration add to the words about rain and a soggy map?	**They create a gloomy, worried mood and emphasize Mina's disappointment about the picnic.**
2	What does the second illustration, with tiny ducks under a wide umbrella, help you understand about Mina?	**It shows that Mina is gentle and caring because she protects the small ducks.**
3	How does the final illustration help show that the ducklings' problem is solved?	**The ducklings are beside their mother near the pond, showing that they are safe again.**
4	The first picture has gray clouds, and the last picture has sunlight. How do these illustration details change the story's mood?	**The mood changes from gloomy and worried to happy and hopeful.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The illustration could show Jamal standing on tiptoe with his arms stretched up while the kite flaps far above him. This picture would emphasize how high the kite is and show that Jamal feels worried.

Accept answers connecting actual supplied illustration details to story words and their effects on mood, character, setting or events. Picture 1's gray clouds and worried drooping pose support a gloomy mood; Picture 2's wide umbrella over tiny ducks supports care; Picture 3 adds a mother duck near the pond, supporting a safe resolution. This reunion is an added illustration detail, not a claim that the words explicitly state it. Accept alternate supported interpretations. For Part 3, check two sentences describing fitting kite-picture details and explaining their effect.