Kite in the Oak

Track plot events, conflict, character actions, and a lesson.

2.RL.1 "Key Ideas and Plot Details Retell stories sequentially, including their overall structure, essential story events, and the central message, lesson, or moral. Identify a story's central conflict using events from the plot as evidence..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number 1, 2, and 3 beside one event from the beginning, middle, and end. Circle two details that show the main problem.

Lena's Stuck Kite

1. On Saturday, Lena carried her red kite to the park. She wanted to fly it before the wind stopped. Her younger brother, Bo, held the string. A strong gust pulled the kite into an oak tree.

2. Lena frowned, but Bo began to cry. Lena asked a park worker for help. The worker brought a long pole, yet it was too short. Lena noticed a picnic table nearby and carefully moved it under the branch.

3. The worker held the table steady while Lena climbed one step. She reached the string and tugged gently. The kite floated free. Bo cheered as they ran across the grass, and Lena smiled because asking for help had worked.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Retell the beginning, middle, and end in three short sentences. What lesson does Lena learn?

2. What is the central conflict? Use two events from the story to explain your answer.

3. What trait does Lena show when the kite is stuck? Give one action as evidence. What will she probably do when she has a hard problem again?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a character from another story. Write 4 to 6 sentences that retell the beginning, middle, and end, name the conflict and response, make a prediction using a story detail, and state a lesson.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RL.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number 1, 2, and 3 beside one event from the beginning, middle, and end. Circle two details that show the main problem. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Retell the beginning, middle, and end in three short sentences. What lesson does Lena learn?	**Beginning: A gust blows Lena's kite into a tree. Middle: Lena asks for help, but the pole is too short, so she moves a picnic table. End: Lena gently pulls the kite free. Lesson: Asking for help can solve a problem. Accept equivalent retells including the stuck kite, attempts to free it and successful release.**
2	What is the central conflict? Use two events from the story to explain your answer.	**The central conflict is that Lena's kite is stuck in the oak tree. A gust puts it there, and the worker's pole is too short to reach it.**
3	What trait does Lena show when the kite is stuck? Give one action as evidence. What will she probably do when she has a hard problem again?	**Lena is resourceful and calm. She asks a worker for help and moves the picnic table under the branch. She will probably ask for help and look for a careful solution again. Accept other supported predictions consistent with her actions.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At the beginning of The Tortoise and the Hare, Hare laughs at Tortoise and challenges him to a race. In the middle, Hare naps while Tortoise keeps walking. At the end, Tortoise crosses the finish line first. The conflict is that Tortoise must race the faster Hare, and he responds by staying steady. I predict Hare will take the next race seriously because his nap made him lose. The lesson is to keep trying and not brag.

For Your Turn, check the learner's selected other story: 4–6 sentences with accurate beginning, middle and end events, a central conflict and character response, a prediction supported by a story detail, and a fitting lesson. Accept any appropriate story and supported interpretation; Lena's kite events are not required.