The Missing Seed

Follow time clues in a story told out of order.

2.RL.10.a "Read and comprehend grade-appropriate texts with increasing challenge in text difficulty and complexity (e.g., layout, text structure, language/literary features, knowledge demands)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that tell when events happen. Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 to show the order the events happened, not the order they are told.

Where Did It Go?

(1) After lunch, Nia looked at a bare patch of soil in the school garden. Her bean seed was gone. She saw tiny holes beside the patch and a trail of dirt leading to the fence. "Where did it go?" she wondered.

(2) That morning, Nia had tucked the bean seed into the soil. She gave it a little water and set a smooth stone beside it. Then the sky grew dark. Rain poured down, and Nia ran inside.

(3) Now Nia followed the dirt trail. Near the fence, she found her smooth stone and a wet bean seed on top of the ground. The rain had washed them there. Nia planted the seed again, deeper this time.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which paragraph tells what happened first? What words help you know?

2. How does the dirt trail in the first paragraph help you understand what Nia finds in the last paragraph?

3. Why does Nia plant the seed deeper at the end? Use a clue from an earlier paragraph.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences for a new story. First, show a character finding something in a surprising place. Begin the second sentence with “Earlier,” and tell how it got there.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words that tell when events happen. Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 to show the order the events happened, not the order they are told. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which paragraph tells what happened first? What words help you know?	**Paragraph 2 happened first. "That morning" tells when Nia planted the seed.**
2	How does the dirt trail in the first paragraph help you understand what Nia finds in the last paragraph?	**The trail leads toward the fence, where Nia finds the seed and stone.**
3	Why does Nia plant the seed deeper at the end? Use a clue from an earlier paragraph.	**Rain washed the seed out of the soil. Nia plants it deeper so it may stay in place.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Milo found his red mitten under the couch. Earlier, his puppy had pulled it off a chair and dragged it there.

The paragraph numbers should be 2, 1, 3. For Your Turn, accept any two-sentence story in which the second sentence begins with "Earlier," and explains how the found object got to its location.