Kite Dance Words

Notice how phrases bring a story to life.

2.RL.4 "Identify and explain how words and phrases create meaning or tone in stories, poems, songs or other texts that have literal and non-literal meanings including but not limited to emotions."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two phrases that show how Mina feels. Circle one phrase that helps you hear a sound in the story.

Mina's Kite Dance

1. Mina stood behind the curtain at the school show. Her knees felt like jelly. She held her red kite, ready for the kite dance. On the other side, children talked and chairs scraped the floor.

2. The music began. Mina stepped out and lifted her kite. Its long tail swished past her shoes. She missed one step, and her heart thumped like a drum. Then her friend Jo gave her a smile.

3. Mina took a slow breath. She spun her kite high, and the red tail danced in the air. When the music stopped, the claps sounded like rain on a roof. Mina's smile spread from ear to ear.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does “Her knees felt like jelly” tell you about how Mina feels?

2. How does “her heart thumped like a drum” help you know how Mina feels?

3. What do the words “the claps sounded like rain on a roof” help you hear? How does that sound make the ending feel?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a child trying something new. Use a phrase that is not meant exactly as it sounds to show the child's feeling, then explain what your phrase means.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two phrases that show how Mina feels. Circle one phrase that helps you hear a sound in the story. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does “Her knees felt like jelly” tell you about how Mina feels?	**Mina feels nervous or shaky before the dance.**
2	How does “her heart thumped like a drum” help you know how Mina feels?	**It suggests her heart is beating hard because she is nervous.**
3	What do the words “the claps sounded like rain on a roof” help you hear? How does that sound make the ending feel?	**The words suggest many claps coming close together. The sound makes the ending feel happy and full of support for Mina.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Before his first big jump, Eli had a storm in his belly. This means Eli felt worried, not that it was raining inside him.

Accept answers that connect each phrase to a feeling or sound supported by the story. For Your Turn, look for an original non-literal phrase and an explanation of its meaning.