The First Tomato

Notice how two characters tell the same event differently.

2.RL.6 "Describe how the point of view from various characters and/or purpose shapes the content of a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the names that tell you who is speaking. Underline one detail Nia gives about Leo picking the tomato and one detail Leo gives about it.

A Tomato for Everyone

1. I am Nia. At recess, I saw the first red tomato in our class garden. I wanted everyone to see it. Then Leo picked it. My face got hot. I thought he had taken our surprise.

2. I am Leo. I saw the tomato hanging low over the path. A shoe almost hit it! I picked it to keep it safe. When Nia frowned, I held it out and told her why.

3. I am Nia again. I looked at the path and saw big shoe prints near the plant. Now I knew Leo had helped. We put the tomato on our teacher's desk so the whole class could see it.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. When Leo picks the tomato, what does Nia think he has done?

2. What does Leo tell us that explains why he picks the tomato?

3. How does Nia's view of Leo change by the end? What does she say that shows this?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine the teacher walks in and sees the tomato on the desk. Write two sentences from the teacher's point of view, using "I." Tell what the teacher notices and how the teacher feels about the class seeing it.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RL.6

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the names that tell you who is speaking. Underline one detail Nia gives about Leo picking the tomato and one detail Leo gives about it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	When Leo picks the tomato, what does Nia think he has done?	**Nia thinks Leo has taken the surprise she wanted the class to see.**
2	What does Leo tell us that explains why he picks the tomato?	**He sees it hanging low over the path and picks it to keep a shoe from hitting it.**
3	How does Nia's view of Leo change by the end? What does she say that shows this?	**She first thinks Leo took their surprise, but later says she knows he helped.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I see a bright red tomato on my desk when I walk in. I feel happy that the whole class can look at the first tomato from our garden.

Accept answers that distinguish Nia's first thought from Leo's reason for picking the tomato. For the open task, accept any two first-person sentences that give the teacher an observation and a feeling.