The Snail's Safe Spot

Read story clues, then picture what happens next.

2.RL.7 "Use background knowledge, illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two clues that show what the garden is like after the rain. Circle two actions that help you tell how the snail stays safe.

A Snail on the Path

1. At recess, Mia hurried to the school garden. Rain had stopped, but drops still fell from the sunflowers. A small snail was crossing the stone path. Mia watched its shiny trail as a soccer ball rolled toward the path.

2. "Wait!" Mia called to Ben. Ben caught the ball with his foot. Mia knelt beside the snail. She did not touch its soft body. Instead, she placed a big leaf on the path, just ahead of it.

3. The snail slid onto the leaf. Mia lifted the leaf and set it under the sunflowers, far from the game. Ben smiled and kicked the ball the other way. Mia looked back once. The snail was moving into the shade.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which words show that it rained recently? What do they tell you about the garden?

2. Why does Mia call “Wait!” when the ball rolls toward the path? Use a story clue.

3. What does Ben do at the end that shows he wants the snail to be safe?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Draw what might happen one minute later. Show the snail, Mia, and Ben, then write one sentence that uses a story clue to explain your picture.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RL.7

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two clues that show what the garden is like after the rain. Circle two actions that help you tell how the snail stays safe. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which words show that it rained recently? What do they tell you about the garden?	**"Rain had stopped, but drops still fell from the sunflowers" shows that the garden is still wet.**
2	Why does Mia call "Wait!" when the ball rolls toward the path? Use a story clue.	**Mia wants Ben to stop the ball so it will not hit the snail crossing the path.**
3	What does Ben do at the end that shows he wants the snail to be safe?	**Ben kicks the ball the other way, away from the snail.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Drawing: The snail moves under a sunflower while Mia and Ben play ball away from the path. Sentence: I drew the snail under the sunflower because Mia put it there, away from the game.

Accept drawings that show a possible next moment and a sentence linking the picture to a story clue. For the marking job, students may circle different actions that help keep the snail safe.