Puddle Boat Rescue

Find the details that make a story come alive.

2.W.3.b "Include details to describe actions, thoughts, dialogue, and feelings."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline an action, circle a thought, box words a character says, and put a star next to a feeling.

The Paper Boat

1. At recess, Maya set a paper boat in a shallow puddle. A gust pushed it toward a muddy drain. Maya ran after it, but her shoe splashed into the water. The boat bobbed just beyond her reach.

2. Maya thought, *I worked hard on that boat*. She felt worried as it slid closer to the drain. Leo held out a long twig. "Try this!" he called. Maya took the twig and stretched her arm over the puddle.

3. The twig caught the boat's edge. Maya pulled slowly until the boat floated back to her. "We saved it!" she said. Her worry turned to joy. Leo grinned, and they set the boat in a quiet corner of the puddle.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does Maya do with the twig to get her boat back?

2. What thought shows why Maya worries about the boat?

3. What does Maya say when she gets the boat back? How does her feeling change?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about a character who loses and finds a small object other than a boat. Include an action, a thought, words the character says, and a feeling.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline an action, circle a thought, box words a character says, and put a star next to a feeling. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does Maya do with the twig to get her boat back?	**She stretches her arm over the puddle with the twig, then pulls the boat back when the twig catches its edge.**
2	What thought shows why Maya worries about the boat?	**She thinks, "I worked hard on that boat."**
3	What does Maya say when she gets the boat back? How does her feeling change?	**She says, "We saved it!" Her worry turns to joy.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Nina crawled under the couch to look for her lost blue marble. *Maybe it rolled behind the pillow,* she thought, feeling nervous. She found it near a chair and cried, "Here it is!"

Accept any passage details that correctly show the requested action, thought, speech, or feeling. In the original scene, look for all four kinds of detail across three sentences.