Pick Your Story

Use story clues to choose a book for a purpose.

3.RL.10.b "Self-select text for personal enjoyment, interest, and academic tasks prompting and support."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each story title. Underline a clue near each title that shows why a reader might choose that story.

Mara at the Library

1. Mara had time to choose a story at the library. She liked books that made her laugh, but today she also wanted to try something new. On one shelf, she found *The Clockwork Cat*. Its back cover said a toy cat escaped a workshop and caused silly trouble at a town fair. Mara pictured the cat riding the spinning cups and smiled.

2. Next, Mara picked up *The Missing Mittens*. In this story, two cousins follow snowy paw prints to solve a mystery. Mara loved hunting for clues. Beside it stood *The Midnight Canoe*, a quiet story about two friends who learn to listen to each other on a lake trip. Mara wondered which book would fit the kind of reading she wanted that day.

3. Her class was also learning how plants grow. Mara spotted *A Seed for Sam*, a story about a child who plants a bean and checks it each morning. The back cover promised a sprout, a problem with too little sunlight, and a clever new place for the pot. Mara knew she could choose one story for free reading and another to connect with class work.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. If you want a funny story for free reading, which book would you choose? Give one clue from the passage.

2. If you like hunting for clues, which book would you choose? Give one clue from the passage.

3. If your class is studying how plants grow, which story would you choose? Give one clue from the passage.

4. If you want a story about friends working through a problem, which book would you choose? Give one clue from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a story you have read that is not named on this page. Name it, say whether you would pick it for enjoyment, a personal interest, or a class topic, and give two story details that explain your choice.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.RL.10.b

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each story title. Underline a clue near each title that shows why a reader might choose that story. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	If you want a funny story for free reading, which book would you choose? Give one clue from the passage.	***The Clockwork Cat*. The toy cat causes silly trouble at a town fair.**
2	If you like hunting for clues, which book would you choose? Give one clue from the passage.	***The Missing Mittens*. Two cousins follow paw prints to solve a mystery.**
3	If your class is studying how plants grow, which story would you choose? Give one clue from the passage.	***A Seed for Sam*. A child plants a bean and checks it as it grows.**
4	If you want a story about friends working through a problem, which book would you choose? Give one clue from the passage.	***The Midnight Canoe*. Two friends learn to listen to each other.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would pick *The Three Little Pigs* because I am interested in building. The pigs make houses from different materials. The brick house stays up when the wolf blows.

For the questions, accept the named story with any matching clue from the passage. For Your Turn, accept a different story when the student names a reading purpose and gives two details that support the choice.