The Last Loop

Notice how a story ending shows change.

3.W.3.d "Provide a sense of conclusion (when appropriate to the genre)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB In the last paragraph, underline the sentence that shows Leo's laces stay tied. Circle the sentence that tells what the narrator expects tomorrow.

The Yellow Laces

1 On Monday morning, my little brother Leo sat on the front step with one yellow shoelace in each hand. His new shoes kept coming loose. We needed to leave for school, but Leo pushed my hands away when I tried to tie them. "I want to do it," he said. I sat beside him and pointed to the laces on my own shoe.

2 First, I crossed my laces and made a loop. Leo copied me, but his loop slipped flat. He frowned and started again. I slowed down and held my shoe close so he could see. We made the loops together, one step at a time. Our bus would come soon, so I watched the corner between tries.

3 On his fourth try, Leo pulled both loops tight. The yellow laces stayed tied when he jumped off the step. "I did it!" he cried. I grabbed my backpack, and we hurried toward the bus stop. At the corner, Leo looked down at his shoes and grinned. I knew I would not have to tie those yellow laces for him tomorrow.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does Leo's jump help show that the problem is solved?

2. Why does the narrator mention the yellow laces again in the last sentence?

3. What does the last sentence suggest Leo will do tomorrow?

4. How do the trip to the bus stop and Leo's grin help the story feel finished?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A friend has tried all morning to make a paper airplane fly. Write a three-sentence ending that shows what happens on the next try, tells how the friend feels, and looks ahead.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.W.3.d

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

In the last paragraph, underline the sentence that shows Leo's laces stay tied. Circle the sentence that tells what the narrator expects tomorrow. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does Leo's jump help show that the problem is solved?	**His laces stay tied when he jumps, unlike at the start of the story.**
2	Why does the narrator mention the yellow laces again in the last sentence?	**The detail brings the reader back to Leo's loose laces at the beginning and shows that he has learned to tie them.**
3	What does the last sentence suggest Leo will do tomorrow?	**Leo will tie his shoes without the narrator's help.**
4	How do the trip to the bus stop and Leo's grin help the story feel finished?	**Leo is pleased with what he did, and they can leave for school now that his shoes are tied.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Maya gave her plane one last toss, and it sailed across the yard. She laughed and ran to pick it up. Tomorrow, she planned to show her little sister how to fold one.

Accept answers that connect a detail from the final paragraph to Leo solving the problem or to the story feeling complete. For Your Turn, look for three sentences that show a result, a feeling, and what might happen next.