Pause for Flight

Plan pauses and pace for a clear school announcement.

5.SL.4.c "Speak clearly at an understandable pace."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three directions in the announcement that listeners must catch, and add a slash (/) wherever a brief pause would help listeners follow them.

The Paper Airplane Test

1. A clear announcement gives listeners time to picture each step. When you speak, face your audience and finish each word. Short pauses can separate ideas, and a slower pace can make key details easier to catch. Do not race through a place or time. For example, say "Meet by the garden gate" slowly enough for someone to find it. The next two paragraphs are an announcement to practice aloud.

2. On Friday, our class will hold a paper airplane test in the gym. Bring one airplane made from a single sheet of paper. Write your name on one wing, and keep the other wing blank. Put your plane in the blue bin outside Room 12 before lunch. You may fold your plane at home or during morning work.

3. At 1:30, we will measure how far each plane flies. Each student gets two throws, but only the longer flight will count. Wait behind the tape until your name is called. If your plane gets bent, you may straighten it before your second throw. No one needs a special design. A careful throw can send even a simple plane across the gym.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Where would you pause in the sentence about labeling the wings? Copy the words just before your pause.

2. Which place and deadline in the drop-off direction should you say slowly so listeners catch both details?

3. Which words in the sentence about two throws would you say more slowly to make the scoring rule clear?

4. Which full sentence would you say at a careful pace so students know when they may move past the tape?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence announcement for a new recess activity you invent. Include where and when it happens and one rule; add two slashes (/) where you will pause, then read it aloud at a pace a partner can follow.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline three directions in the announcement that listeners must catch, and add a slash (/) wherever a brief pause would help listeners follow them. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where would you pause in the sentence about labeling the wings? Copy the words just before your pause.	**Pause after "Write your name on one wing."**
2	Which place and deadline in the drop-off direction should you say slowly so listeners catch both details?	**The blue bin outside Room 12, before lunch.**
3	Which words in the sentence about two throws would you say more slowly to make the scoring rule clear?	**"Only the longer flight will count."**
4	Which full sentence would you say at a careful pace so students know when they may move past the tape?	**"Wait behind the tape until your name is called."**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Wednesday at 12:20, / meet beside the big oak for Shadow Steps. Hop between the chalk circles, / but keep both feet inside the marks. When the bell rings, walk back to the door.

For the marking job, accept directions from either announcement paragraph and pauses that separate ideas naturally. For Your Turn, check for three sentences, a place, a time, a rule, two useful pauses, and a clear pace when spoken.