

Puddle Day Story

Notice how a small moment becomes a personal narrative.

2.12.A “compose literary texts, including personal narratives and poetry;”

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the events 1, 2, and 3 to show what happened first, next, and last. Circle two words or phrases that tell how the narrator felt.

My Rainy Walk

- ① On Tuesday, dark clouds covered the sky as I walked home with Dad. Rain tapped my yellow hood. At the corner, I saw a huge puddle shining beside the curb. My boots stopped before my feet did.
- ② I wanted to splash, but I worried that Dad would say no. Then he smiled and nodded. I jumped once, twice, three times. Cold water sprayed my knees, and I laughed so loudly that a bird flew from the fence.
- ③ When we reached our porch, Dad handed me a dry towel. My socks squished inside my boots, but I did not mind. That puddle changed a gray walk home into my favorite part of the day.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What happened first in the narrator's small moment?

2 How does the writer show that the narrator felt worried before jumping?

3 What does the ending tell about why this moment mattered to the narrator?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a three-sentence personal narrative about a small outdoor moment. Tell when or where it happened, what you did and felt, and why the moment mattered.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Number the events 1, 2, and 3 to show what happened first, next, and last. Circle two words or phrases that tell how the narrator felt. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What happened first in the narrator's small moment?	The narrator saw a huge puddle by the curb.
2	How does the writer show that the narrator felt worried before jumping?	The narrator says, "I worried that Dad would say no."
3	What does the ending tell about why this moment mattered to the narrator?	The puddle changed a gray walk home into the narrator's favorite part of the day.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Last Saturday, I found a ladybug on the steps outside my house. I held out a leaf, and it crawled onto it while I felt very still. When it opened its red wings and flew away, I felt like I had helped a tiny visitor.

Accept reasonable event numbering that shows the puddle is noticed first, the narrator jumps next, and the narrator reaches the porch last. For the writing task, accept three connected sentences with a setting, an action and feeling, and an ending that explains why the moment mattered.