

Share and Care

Find a story topic, message, and evidence.

2.8.A “discuss topics and determine theme using text evidence with adult assistance;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two actions that show characters helping each other, and circle one feeling word that helps you think about the story's message.

A Snack to Share

- ① On a hot afternoon, Mina carried a small basket of peaches to the park. She planned to eat them under the big oak tree. Near the swing set, she saw her neighbor Leo looking through an empty lunch bag.
- ② Leo said, “I forgot my snack,” and his voice was quiet. Mina felt hungry too, but she gave Leo two peaches. They sat together on a bench and ate slowly. Leo smiled and offered Mina his last sticker.
- ③ When Mina walked home, her basket was lighter, but her heart felt warm. The next day, Leo brought a pear for Mina. He said, “Friends help each other.” Mina smiled as they shared it.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What topic is this story mostly about?

2 How does Mina's choice to give peaches help show the topic?

3 What theme, or lesson, does the story teach? Use one detail from the story in your answer.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly two sentences. In the first sentence, state a theme of the story. In the second sentence, use two details from the story that support the theme.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two actions that show characters helping each other, and circle one feeling word that helps you think about the story's message. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What topic is this story mostly about?	Helping friends, or sharing with friends.
2	How does Mina's choice to give peaches help show the topic?	Mina shares her food to help Leo because he has no snack.
3	What theme, or lesson, does the story teach? Use one detail from the story in your answer.	A theme is that friends help each other. Mina gives Leo two peaches when he has no snack.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A theme is that friends help each other. Mina gives Leo two peaches when he has no snack, and Leo brings Mina a pear the next day.

Accept equivalent topics such as kindness, sharing, or friendship when the student connects the idea to the passage. Accept themes about helping or caring for friends when supported by accurate story details.