

Mei and the Turtle

Use story clues to describe a character inside and out.

2.8.B "describe the main character's (characters') internal and external traits;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that tell what Mei looks like. Circle actions or feelings that show what Mei is like inside.

A Turtle in the Rain

- ① Mei wore a bright yellow raincoat and red boots. Her curly black hair peeked from her hood. At the park, she saw a small turtle upside down near a puddle. Mei knelt beside it.
- ② Mei wanted to help, but she felt nervous. The turtle kicked its legs quickly. Mei took a slow breath and gently turned the turtle over. Then she watched until it crawled toward the grass.
- ③ A boy nearby shouted, "That was kind!" Mei smiled, though her knees were muddy. She told him, "I was scared at first." Then she carried her wet boots home, feeling proud that the turtle was safe.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What are two external traits, or outside details, about Mei?

2 What internal trait does Mei show when she gently helps the turtle?

3 Mei says she was scared, but she still helps the turtle. What internal trait does this show?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about a new character. Include one external trait, then show two internal traits through the character's actions.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words that tell what Mei looks like. Circle actions or feelings that show what Mei is like inside. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What are two external traits, or outside details, about Mei?	She has curly black hair, and she wears a bright yellow raincoat and red boots.
2	What internal trait does Mei show when she gently helps the turtle?	She is caring or kind.
3	Mei says she was scared, but she still helps the turtle. What internal trait does this show?	She is brave.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Jamal has tall green boots and a round blue backpack. He waits calmly with a lost child and helps her find the school office.

Accept external traits that can be seen, such as hair, clothing, or physical features. Accept internal traits supported by actions or feelings from the passage, including caring, kind, brave, nervous, and proud.