

Kite in the Oak

Track events, problem, and solution in a story.

3.8.C “analyze plot elements, including the sequence of events, the conflict, and the resolution; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number three important events in order. Circle the conflict, or problem, and underline the resolution, or how the problem is solved.

Maya's Kite

- ① On Saturday, Maya carried her painted kite to the hill behind the library. She had spent three afternoons making it with her grandfather. The wind lifted the paper bird high above the grass. Maya laughed as the kite tugged at its string. Then a sharp gust pulled the string from her hand, and the kite landed in a tall oak tree.
- ② Maya ran to the trunk and stretched toward the lowest branch, but it was far above her head. She did not want to break the branch or tear the kite by climbing. Her grandfather was not home, so Maya looked around for another plan. Near the library door, she saw Mr. Chen, the groundskeeper, rolling a long ladder toward the shed.
- ③ Maya asked Mr. Chen if he could help. He leaned the ladder safely against the tree and reached the kite without stepping on any branches. Maya held the ladder still while he climbed. Soon the kite was back in her hands, with only one small wrinkle in its wing. Maya thanked Mr. Chen, then flew the kite in the open field, far from the oak tree.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What is Maya's conflict in the story?

2 Which happened first: Maya saw Mr. Chen, or the kite landed in the tree?

3 What did Maya do after she saw Mr. Chen with the ladder?

4 How is the conflict resolved?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-sentence plot for your own short story. Tell what happens first, describe a conflict in the second sentence, and explain the resolution in the third sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Number three important events in order. Circle the conflict, or problem, and underline the resolution, or how the problem is solved. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is Maya's conflict in the story?	Maya's kite is stuck high in an oak tree.
2	Which happened first: Maya saw Mr. Chen, or the kite landed in the tree?	The kite landed in the tree first.
3	What did Maya do after she saw Mr. Chen with the ladder?	She asked Mr. Chen if he could help.
4	How is the conflict resolved?	Mr. Chen uses a ladder to get the kite from the tree.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Luis brought his model bridge to school for the science fair. A spilled drink soaked the label, so the judges could not read it. Luis made a new label with help from his teacher before judging began.

Accept answers that identify the kite in the tree as the conflict and Mr. Chen's ladder as the resolution. For Part 3, accept any three-sentence story with a clear sequence, conflict, and resolution.