

Bridge Builders

Track how characters help each other and change.

4.8.B “explain the interactions of the characters and the changes they undergo;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each action or spoken word that shows Maya and Mr. Chen interacting. Circle words or sentences that show how either character changes.

Maya's Missing Hammer

- ① On Saturday, Maya carried a small toolbox to the community garden. She had promised to help her neighbor, Mr. Chen, fix a loose board on the footbridge. When she arrived, Mr. Chen was kneeling beside the bridge. “I cannot find my hammer,” he said. Maya frowned. She wanted to start quickly because rain clouds were gathering.
- ② Maya searched under the bridge while Mr. Chen checked the garden shed. Soon, Maya spotted the hammer stuck in a patch of mud near the tomato beds. Instead of blaming Mr. Chen for losing it, she rinsed the hammer at the water pump. Mr. Chen thanked her and showed her how to hold the board steady while he hammered.
- ③ At first, Maya had worried that Mr. Chen would think she was too young to help. After he listened to her idea about using two flat stones to prop up the board, he asked her to place them. Together they finished before the rain began. Maya walked home feeling more confident, and Mr. Chen decided to invite her to help with future garden projects.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which interaction shows that Mr. Chen begins to trust Maya's ideas?

2 How does Maya's response to the missing hammer affect her work with Mr. Chen?

3 How does Maya change from the beginning to the end of the passage?

4 How does Mr. Chen change because of working with Maya?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a three-sentence scene about two characters solving a problem together. Show one interaction between them and show how one character changes by the end.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each action or spoken word that shows Maya and Mr. Chen interacting. Circle words or sentences that show how either character changes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which interaction shows that Mr. Chen begins to trust Maya's ideas?	Mr. Chen listens to Maya's idea about using stones and asks her to place them.
2	How does Maya's response to the missing hammer affect her work with Mr. Chen?	She finds and rinses the hammer, so they can continue fixing the bridge together.
3	How does Maya change from the beginning to the end of the passage?	She changes from worrying that she is too young to help to feeling more confident.
4	How does Mr. Chen change because of working with Maya?	He comes to see Maya as a helpful partner and decides to invite her to future garden projects.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Lena laughed when her brother Omar said he could repair the torn kite, but she handed him the tape. Omar carefully patched the paper and asked Lena to hold the string while he tested it. When the kite rose, Lena apologized and trusted Omar's ideas.

Accept answers that use passage evidence to explain both the characters' actions with each other and their changes. For the writing task, accept any three-sentence scene with a clear interaction, problem, and character change.