

Kite Rescue Plot

Track how a problem grows, peaks, and ends.

4.8.C “analyze plot elements, including the rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution; and”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Write RA beside the rising action, C beside the climax, FA beside the falling action, and R beside the resolution. Mark the sentence or sentences that best show each plot part.

The Kite by the Pond

- ① On Saturday, Maya brought her homemade kite to the hill behind the library. She had used thin bamboo sticks, blue paper, and a long string. A steady wind lifted the kite above the grass. Then the string snagged on a thorny bush near the path. Maya tugged gently, but the kite would not come free.
- ② Maya asked her friend Leo to hold the string while she moved the bush branches. The wind grew stronger, and the kite jerked free. It raced toward the pond at the bottom of the hill. Maya ran after it as the string slipped through her hands. Just before the kite touched the water, she grabbed its tail.
- ③ Leo hurried down the hill and helped Maya pull the kite away from the pond. A small tear showed along one blue corner, but the bamboo frame was safe. They walked to a bench, where Maya taped the paper and tied a fresh loop in the string. Soon the kite rose again. Maya smiled as it floated over the library.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which events build the problem during the rising action?

2 What is the climax of the story?

3 What happens during the falling action after Maya catches the kite?

4 What is the resolution? Explain how it solves the problem.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a four-sentence mini-story about a child solving a problem outdoors. Label the sentences Rising Action, Climax, Falling Action, and Resolution.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Write RA beside the rising action, C beside the climax, FA beside the falling action, and R beside the resolution. Mark the sentence or sentences that best show each plot part. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which events build the problem during the rising action?	The string snags on a thorny bush, the wind grows stronger, the kite jerks free, and it races toward the pond.
2	What is the climax of the story?	Maya grabs the kite's tail just before it touches the water.
3	What happens during the falling action after Maya catches the kite?	Leo helps Maya pull the kite away from the pond, and they see that it has a small tear.
4	What is the resolution? Explain how it solves the problem.	Maya repairs the kite and its string, then the kite rises again. The kite is safe and can fly.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Rising Action: Nia saw that her bird feeder had fallen into a muddy puddle, so she looked for a way to reach it. Climax: As rain began to fall, she balanced on a flat rock and grabbed the feeder. Falling Action: Her brother held the rock steady while Nia rinsed the feeder with a hose. Resolution: They hung the clean feeder on a stronger branch and watched birds return.

Accept equivalent descriptions of the plot events when they match the passage. For the open task, accept a logical sequence with a problem that builds, a highest-tension moment, events after that moment, and a clear ending.