Helping in the Rain

Retell key events in order and find the story's lesson.

2.RL.1.A "Retell stories sequentially, including their overall structure, essential story events, and the central message, lesson, or moral."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number 1, 2, and 3 beside important events that happen first, next, and last. Underline the sentence that tells the lesson, so you can retell the story in order.

Nia's Garden Choice

1. On Saturday, Nia carried a tray of tomato plants to the school garden. Dark clouds rolled over the playground. Nia wanted to plant quickly, but she saw her neighbor, Mr. Lee, struggling to cover his young lettuce.

2. Nia put down her tray and helped Mr. Lee spread a big cloth over the lettuce. Rain began to fall in heavy drops. When they finished, Nia's tomato plants were still waiting safely under the porch.

3. After the rain stopped, Mr. Lee thanked Nia. Together, they planted the tomatoes before lunch. Nia smiled at the neat rows. She learned that taking time to help someone can make a hard day easier for everyone.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What happened first, next, and last in the story?

2. What problem did Nia notice, and what did she do about it?

3. What lesson did Nia learn?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a new three-sentence story about a helpful choice. Tell the beginning, middle, and end in order, and state the lesson in the last sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RL.1.A

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number 1, 2, and 3 beside important events that happen first, next, and last. Underline the sentence that tells the lesson, so you can retell the story in order. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What happened first, next, and last in the story?	**First, Nia saw Mr. Lee struggling to cover his lettuce. Next, she helped him cover it. Last, they planted the tomato plants together after the rain.**
2	What problem did Nia notice, and what did she do about it?	**Mr. Lee was struggling to cover his lettuce before the rain. Nia helped him spread a cloth over it.**
3	What lesson did Nia learn?	**Taking time to help someone can make a hard day easier for everyone.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Before the art show, Luis saw that Ava had dropped her paper stars. He helped her pick them up, so they both hung their work on time. Luis learned that helping someone can solve a problem for both people.

Accept retellings that include the important events in the correct order, even if students use different words. For the open task, accept a clear beginning, middle, and end plus a lesson that fits the helpful choice.