Kite in Trouble

Find the main problem by following plot events.

2.RL.1.B "Identify a story's central conflict using events from the plot as evidence."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline three events that show Nia's main problem. Number the events 1, 2, and 3 in the order they happen.

Nia's Red Kite

1. On Saturday, Nia brought her red kite to the hill behind her apartment. A steady wind lifted the kite high. Then the string slipped from Nia's hand and caught in the branches of a tall oak tree.

2. Nia tugged gently, but the kite only shook. She wanted to pull harder, yet she feared the string would tear. Her brother Leo found a long stick, but it was too short to reach the branches.

3. Nia asked the park gardener for help. The gardener used a tall ladder and carefully freed the string. Nia held the kite again, and she and Leo ran down the hill to fly it in an open field.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is Nia's central conflict, or main problem?

2. What are two events that show Nia cannot get the kite down by herself?

3. Which event solves Nia's central conflict?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Make up a character with a main problem. Write three sentences: name the central conflict, then write two plot events that show the problem.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RL.1.B

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline three events that show Nia's main problem. Number the events 1, 2, and 3 in the order they happen. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is Nia's central conflict, or main problem?	**Nia's kite is caught in a tall oak tree, and she cannot reach it.**
2	What are two events that show Nia cannot get the kite down by herself?	**Nia tugs gently, but the kite only shakes. Leo's long stick is too short to reach the branches.**
3	Which event solves Nia's central conflict?	**The park gardener uses a tall ladder and frees the kite string.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Ava's central conflict is that she cannot find her library book before it is due. She looks in her backpack, but the book is not there. She asks her dad to check the car.

Accept answers that identify the kite being stuck and Nia being unable to reach it as the central conflict. For the open task, accept a clear problem and two events that give evidence of that problem.