Porch Kitten Clues

Use story clues to predict events.

2.RL.1.D "Generate predictions about story characters and events using the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the first two paragraphs. Underline three clues that help you predict what the kitten will do next, then read the last paragraph to check your idea.

The Kitten Under the Porch

1. On Saturday, Nia carried a box of tomato plants to her grandfather's garden. Dark clouds covered the sky, but Grandfather said, "We can plant before the rain." Nia noticed a tiny gray kitten hiding under the porch steps.

2. Nia set down the box and crouched near the steps. The kitten pressed against the wood and mewed. Nia held out her hand, but it did not move. Raindrops began to tap on the porch roof.

3. Grandfather brought a small bowl of water and placed it beside Nia. Nia stayed still and spoke in a soft voice. At last, the kitten stepped out, drank the water, and rubbed its head against Nia's shoe.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. After paragraph 1, what do you predict Nia will do to help the kitten? Use one clue from the paragraph.

2. At the end of paragraph 2, what do you predict Nia will do next to help the kitten feel safe? Use one clue from that paragraph.

3. At the end of paragraph 2, do you predict the kitten will stay hidden or come out? Use two clues from the story.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly two sentences predicting what may happen after the story ends. Use two details from the story as clues.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RL.1.D

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read the first two paragraphs. Underline three clues that help you predict what the kitten will do next, then read the last paragraph to check your idea. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	After paragraph 1, what do you predict Nia will do to help the kitten? Use one clue from the paragraph.	**Nia will try to help the kitten come out, because she notices it hiding under the porch steps.**
2	At the end of paragraph 2, what do you predict Nia will do next to help the kitten feel safe? Use one clue from that paragraph.	**Nia will stay near the kitten and act gently, because she crouches near it and holds out her hand.**
3	At the end of paragraph 2, do you predict the kitten will stay hidden or come out? Use two clues from the story.	**The kitten will come out. Nia is patiently trying to help it, and the kitten mews instead of staying silent.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I predict Nia will sit with the kitten under the porch until the rain stops. She spoke softly, and the kitten rubbed against her shoe, so it may stay near her.

Accept reasonable predictions that use details from the passage as support. Students may word predictions differently if their clues clearly connect to their ideas.