

Talk Tells Thoughts

Use characters' spoken words to infer their ideas.

2.RL.3.B "Recognize dialogue in text and explain how it can reveal characters' thoughts and perspectives."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every set of spoken words in quotation marks. Circle Maya or Leo when that character speaks, then number the six speaking turns to show what each character thinks.

The Lost Turtle

- ① After school, Maya found a small stuffed turtle beside the playground fence. "It may be lost," she said. Her friend Leo pointed to the dark clouds. "We should hurry home before the rain starts."
- ② Maya held the toy. "I want to help it get back to its owner," she told Leo. Leo looked at the clouds. "Rain could ruin it. Let's ask the park worker."
- ③ The worker put the toy in the lost-and-found box at the park office. Maya smiled. "I am glad we asked for help," she said. Leo nodded. "Me too. The owner can find it there."

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does Maya's first spoken sentence show she thinks about the stuffed turtle?

2 Leo says, "Rain could ruin it." What does this show about Leo's point of view?

3 How do Leo's words at the end show a change in his thinking?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two lines of dialogue between two children who find a lunchbox on the bus. Make each child show a different thought, then write one sentence explaining what their words reveal.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every set of spoken words in quotation marks. Circle Maya or Leo when that character speaks, then number the six speaking turns to show what each character thinks. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does Maya's first spoken sentence show she thinks about the stuffed turtle?	Maya thinks the stuffed turtle may be lost.
2	Leo says, "Rain could ruin it." What does this show about Leo's point of view?	Leo thinks the toy should not be left outside because rain could damage it.
3	How do Leo's words at the end show a change in his thinking?	At first Leo wants to hurry home. At the end, he agrees that getting help will help the owner find the toy.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

"We should take the lunchbox to the office," Kim said. "Let's check the name tag first," Omar said. Kim wants an adult to help, but Omar wants to look for the owner first.

Accept answers that use the characters' spoken words as evidence for their thoughts or points of view. For the open task, accept any two dialogue lines with different ideas and an explanation that matches both lines.