Kite Trouble

Notice how time words and events build a clear story.

3.W.1.B "Write personal or fictional narratives that organize event sequences that unfold naturally."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that tell when events happen. Then write 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 beside six main events in the order they happen.

Kite in the Oak

1. On Saturday, Maya carried her yellow kite to the hill behind the library. A warm wind lifted the ribbon tails as she ran. First, the kite rose above the grass, and Maya laughed. Then a stronger gust pulled the string from her hand. The kite sailed over the fence and landed high in an oak tree. Maya hurried to tell Mr. Cole, the librarian.

2. Mr. Cole brought a long pool skimmer from the storage shed. Maya held the handle while he carefully raised the net toward the branches. At first, the net slipped past the kite. Next, Maya pointed to the ribbon caught on a twig. Mr. Cole moved the net slowly, and the ribbon fell free. The kite dropped into the grass without a tear.

3. After that, Maya thanked Mr. Cole and rolled the string around its spool. She decided to fly the kite in the open field across the street, where there were no tall trees. Before she left, she checked the sky and waited for a gentle breeze. Soon, the kite was dancing again, and Maya watched it with both hands on the string.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What happens first in Maya's kite adventure?

2. What problem causes Maya to ask Mr. Cole for help?

3. What does Maya do next after the net slips past the kite?

4. How does Maya change her plan before she flies the kite again?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a personal or fictional narrative in 6 to 8 sentences about solving a small problem. Tell the events in a clear order, using time words or phrases such as first, then, after that, or finally.

ANSWER KEY

Kite Trouble

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that tell when events happen. Then write 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 beside six main events 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 happens first in Maya's kite adventure?	**Maya flies her yellow kite, and it rises above the grass.**
2	What problem causes Maya to ask Mr. Cole for help?	**A stronger gust pulls the string from her hand, and the kite lands in an oak tree.**
3	What does Maya do next after the net slips past the kite?	**She points to the ribbon caught on a twig.**
4	How does Maya change her plan before she flies the kite again?	**She decides to fly it in an open field with no tall trees and waits for a gentle breeze.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Tuesday, I took my tomato plant to the sunny porch. First, I filled a pot with soil and set the plant inside. Then I poured water around its roots, but the pot tipped over. I picked up the plant and gathered the spilled soil. After that, I moved the plant into a wider pot. By afternoon, the plant stood straight, and I felt proud.

Accept answers that identify the events in the correct order, even if students use different wording. For the writing task, accept 6 to 8 sentences with a clear beginning, problem, events that unfold naturally, and an ending.