Bridge Back

Find the problem, follow the plot, and explain the fix.

4.RL.1.B "Describe the central conflict and explain the resolution using an understanding of text structure and events from the plot as evidence."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the central problem, number three events that lead toward a solution, and circle the resolution.

Nia's Model Bridge

1. On Monday, Nia carried her model bridge to school for the town design fair. She had built it from craft sticks over two weeks. At lunch, she placed it on a table near the window while she got a poster board. A sudden gust blew through the open window, and the bridge fell to the floor. Several pieces snapped.

2. Nia wanted to hide the broken model, but her friend Omar stopped her. He said the fair did not start until the next morning. They collected the pieces and studied the photo Nia had taken after finishing it. Nia noticed that the strongest parts had triangles. Using extra sticks from the art room, they made new triangle supports and glued the bridge together.

3. At the fair, Nia's bridge held a row of small toy cars. The judge asked why the repaired bridge had triangle supports. Nia explained what she had learned from the accident. She did not win first prize, but she earned a ribbon for creative problem solving. More important, she decided to show her work even when it was not perfect.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is Nia's central conflict?

2. Which event begins the central conflict?

3. What are three events that lead Nia toward solving her problem? Write them in order.

4. How is the conflict resolved? Use two details from the ending as evidence.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence mini-story about a character solving a problem. Sentence 1 states the conflict, sentences 2 and 3 tell events that lead to a solution, and sentence 4 gives the resolution.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.RL.1.B

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the central problem, number three events that lead toward a solution, and circle the resolution. 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?	**Nia's model bridge breaks before the town design fair, and she must decide whether and how to repair and show it.**
2	Which event begins the central conflict?	**A gust blows through the open window, knocking the bridge to the floor and snapping several pieces.**
3	What are three events that lead Nia toward solving her problem? Write them in order.	**Nia and Omar collect the pieces, study Nia's photo of the finished bridge, and use extra sticks to make triangle supports and glue the bridge together.**
4	How is the conflict resolved? Use two details from the ending as evidence.	**Nia repairs and shows her bridge. It holds a row of toy cars at the fair, and she explains the triangle supports to the judge.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Jalen could not use the class map because rain had smeared its labels. He compared it with an online map and copied the missing street names onto a clean sheet. Then he covered the new map with clear tape to protect it. Jalen could guide his group because the labels were easy to read again.

Accept responses that identify the broken bridge as the main problem and explain that repair actions lead to the resolution. For the mini-story, accept a clear conflict, two connected plot events, and a resolution that solves the stated problem.