# Clues About Nia

Use a character's thoughts, words, and actions to make an inference.

**4.RL.1.C** "Analyze characters in-depth, drawing on specific details from the text, including their words, actions, or a character's thoughts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline Nia's words, actions, and thoughts that show what kind of person she is. Number the three details that give you the strongest clues.

### The Garden Fair

1. On Saturday, Nia carried her bean plant to the school garden fair. She had painted a blue pot and made a neat label that said "Sunrise Bean." Near the display table, she saw that Omar's plant had fallen over. Soil covered his label, and one leaf was bent. Nia looked at the judges waiting by the gate.

2. Omar said, "I spent all week growing it, and now it looks terrible." Nia wanted to place her own plant first. She thought about the careful measurements Omar had taken each day in science class. Then she set her pot on the grass, scooped soil around Omar's stem, and wiped his label clean. "Hold the pot steady," she said.

3. When Nia lifted her pot, she saw blue paint had rubbed onto the display table. She could have turned the pot so the judges would not notice. Instead, she told a judge, "My pot made that mark. May I clean it?" Omar handed her a damp cloth. Nia cleaned the table before placing both plants in a straight row.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does Nia's thought about Omar's careful measurements show about why she helps him?

2. How does Nia's choice to set her own pot on the grass reveal a character trait?

3. What trait does Nia show when she tells the judge about the paint mark? Use her action as evidence.

4. How does Nia change from the beginning to the end of the passage? Use two details.

## 3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly 3 sentences that explain Nia's character. In sentence 1, name one or two traits. In sentence 2, use a detail from the first two paragraphs, and in sentence 3, use a detail from paragraph 3 to explain your ideas.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 4 · 4.RL.1.C**

## PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline Nia's words, actions, and thoughts that show what kind of person she is. Number the three details that give you the strongest clues. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

## PART 2 · ANSWERS

| # | QUESTION | ANSWER |
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| 1 | What does Nia's thought about Omar's careful measurements show about why she helps him? | **It shows that Nia knows Omar worked hard on his plant and cares about his effort.** |
| 2 | How does Nia's choice to set her own pot on the grass reveal a character trait? | **She is helpful or considerate because she puts aside her own entry to fix Omar's plant.** |
| 3 | What trait does Nia show when she tells the judge about the paint mark? Use her action as evidence. | **Nia is honest or responsible. She admits that her pot made the mark and asks to clean it.** |
| 4 | How does Nia change from the beginning to the end of the passage? Use two details. | **At first, Nia is focused on placing her own plant first. By the end, she helps Omar repair his plant and cleans the table instead of hiding the paint mark.** |

## PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Nia is caring and honest. She puts her own pot on the grass and repairs Omar's plant because she remembers how hard he worked. She tells the judge about the paint mark and cleans it, showing that she takes responsibility even when it could affect her entry.

Accept supported traits such as helpful, considerate, caring, honest, or responsible. Responses should include accurate details from the required parts of the passage and explain how each detail supports the trait.