

Mia Runs for President

Read how a student becomes a candidate and campaigns for office.

3.1.f "running for elected office;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each action Mia takes to run for student council president, so you can see the steps of a campaign.

A Campaign at School

- ① At Maple Grove School, students elect a student council president each spring. The president listens to classmates and shares their ideas at council meetings. Any fourth or fifth grader may run, but Mia is in fourth grade and wants the job. First, she reads the election rules. They explain the deadline, the form she must turn in, and the campaign rules.
- ② Mia decides to become a candidate, a person who is seeking an elected office. She completes the form before the deadline and asks two classmates to help her campaign. Together, they make posters that say, "Mia Listens." At lunch, Mia politely tells students why she wants to serve. She promises to bring classmates' ideas to the council, not to give everyone extra recess.
- ③ On election day, students in fourth and fifth grade hear short speeches from each candidate. Then they vote by secret ballot, so each voter can choose privately. The ballots are counted, and Mia receives the most votes. She becomes president after the results are announced. Running for office meant following rules, sharing a plan, and asking voters to choose her.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What must Mia turn in before the deadline to become a candidate?

2 Name two ways Mia campaigns for student council president.

3 Why do students vote by secret ballot?

4 What happens after Mia receives the most votes?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine you are running for class representative. Write exactly three sentences that name the office, explain one helpful plan, and tell one respectful way you will share your plan with voters.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each action Mia takes to run for student council president, so you can see the steps of a campaign. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What must Mia turn in before the deadline to become a candidate?	She must turn in the election form.
2	Name two ways Mia campaigns for student council president.	She makes posters, tells students at lunch why she wants to serve, and promises to bring classmates' ideas to the council. Accept any two.
3	Why do students vote by secret ballot?	Each voter can choose privately.
4	What happens after Mia receives the most votes?	She becomes president after the results are announced.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I am running for class representative. I will collect classmates' ideas about reading time and share them at our meeting. I will make a clear poster and give a short speech so voters know my plan.

Accept equivalent answers supported by the passage. For Your Turn, accept exactly three sentences that name an office, give a realistic helpful plan, and describe a respectful campaign action.