

Grade 2 LESSON 16	“Mr. Tanen’s Tie Trouble” by Maryann Cocca-Leffler, pp. 15-35	
STANDARD RL.2.1 Ask and answer such questions as <i>who, what, where, when, why,</i> and <i>how</i> to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (RL.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.)		
GRADE 3 QUESTION FRAME	TEXT SPECIFIC QUESTION	POSSIBLE RESPONSES
Which sentence best explains why ...?	Which sentence best explains why there isn’t enough money for a school playground?	p. 16 “Mr. Apple told him that because many things at the school had to be fixed, there wasn’t enough money left for a new playground.”

STANDARD RL.2.7 Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot. (RL.3.5 Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as <i>chapter, scene,</i> and <i>stanza</i> ; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.		
GRADE 3 QUESTION FRAME	TEXT SPECIFIC QUESTION	POSSIBLE RESPONSES
Why is [section] important to the rest of the story? (it introduces, gives, suggests)	Why are pages 22-23 important to the rest of the story?	<p>These two pages are important to the rest of the story because Mr. Tanen needs a lot of people to come and buy his ties to make money for the playground. On pages 22-23, the townspeople call each to share the news that Mr. Tanen is selling all of his ties. Mrs. Sweet Apple asks her husband, “Has he gone crazy?” Zack, the night watchman, places his hand on his head in surprise and says, “Mr. Tanen is selling his ties!”</p> <p>It also shows that the townspeople are connected and know each other very well.</p>

STANDARD

RL. 2.3 Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.

(RL.3.3 Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.)

GRADE 3 QUESTION FRAME	TEXT SPECIFIC QUESTION	POSSIBLE RESPONSES
Why do/does [character] most likely X?	Why do the townspeople most likely give Mr. Tanen back his ties?	The townspeople most likely give Mr. Tanen back his ties at the opening of the new playground to show their appreciation for his kind act: he was willing to give up something he loved for the children at the school. On page 27, Mr. Tanen told people that “My ties now belong to the town. Wear them proudly.” He didn’t expect to ever have them again. The townspeople saw how giving Mr. Tanen was and they wanted him to know how much they appreciated him.