

Talent Show Contest

Read the entertainment story.

Then follow the instructions in the Text-Marking box.

Ms Spira, the music teacher, had nearly finished auditioning hopefuls for the upcoming talent show. She announced to the two remaining candidates that there was just one spot left to fill, which caused Tameka and Kai to glance nervously at each other across the room. Tameka, a talented dancer, hoped to show off her technique and style in the show, while Kai, a gifted pianist, dreamed of becoming a professional musician and wanted this opportunity to perform. Though each hoped desperately to be selected, that seemed impossible now, with only two more auditions for one place.

Kai moved beside Tameka. "I know you're an awesome dancer, and you know I'm great on the piano. What a shame we've got to battle each other," he whispered.

"Oh, that's kind, but one of us is simply going to be disappointed," Tameka answered.

Kai asked, "What music are you dancing to?" Tameka replied that she planned to dance to the hit, 'Sweet, Fleet Feet'. Kai originally planned to play a classical waltz by Frederic Chopin. But he also knew 'Sweet, Fleet Feet' and could play it energetically, so he suggested something to Tameka that made her grin.

Then Ms Spira turned to Tameka and Kai to ask, "Who's next?"

"Both of us – we've become a team!" they responded. The friends chattered as they went onto the stage. "May we please have a few moments to warm up?" Tameka asked politely.



Text Marking

The story describes a problem. Identify it and think about how the characters responded to it and found a way out.



Box the conflict.



Circle the ways that Kai and Tameka reacted to the conflict.

_____ Underline the resolution.

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► Answer each question. Give details from the entertainment story.

- 1 Who is telling the story?
 ► A Ms Spira ► B Tameka ► C Kai ► D a narrator

What helped you answer? _____

- 2 Two words that could describe everyone auditioning for the talent show are ...
 ► A dancers and pianists. ► C hopefuls and candidates.
 ► B best friends and hopefuls. ► D jugglers and musicians.

What helped you answer? _____

- 3 Why did Tameka ask Ms Spira for a few moments to warm up?

- 4 What inferences can you make about Kai based on his idea?

