

Key Ideas and Details

RL.2.3, SL.2.2

Guided Instruction

- 5 Mr. Tan stood in front of his house. He began to **trim** the stump of his rose bushes. “Yes,” Mr. Tan snapped.
- 6 Amit rode on and left Mr. Tan alone. Usually, Mr. Tan was all smiles. Amit often stopped to help him with his roses. And he knew Mr. Tan’s secret. He would wrap up roses with a bow. Then he would leave them on people’s porches as a surprise! He had given some to Amit’s mother when Amit’s baby sister was born. He had even given some to Amit’s dad when he broke a toe!
- 7 Now the storm had broken Mr. Tan’s rose bushes. And men had cut down what was left of the big tree in his yard.
- 8 Next door, Mrs. Smith had lost trees, too. One had fallen to crunch the corner of her sky-blue house.

Find Evidence

C We can look for how characters respond to challenges in a story. Draw a star next to the sentence in paragraph 5 that shows how Mr. Tan is facing his challenge.

D Different characters face challenges in different ways. Underline the sentence in paragraph 6 that shows how Amit acts toward Mr. Tan and Mr. Tan’s challenge.

Comprehension Check

How did Mr. Tan respond to the major events in Amit’s family? How is this different from how he responds to the challenge of the storm? Use evidence from the story to support your answer.

