

Name _____

Proud Persistence Answer Key

Sample Strong Student Responses

1. Marcus learned that making mistakes is okay and that encouragement and persistence help you succeed.
2. At home, this lesson could help me when I learn new chores—if I mess up, I can try again and improve.
3. At school, it could help me during tests or presentations, reminding me not to give up if I forget something.
4. In friendships, it could help me be more supportive by encouraging friends when they feel nervous or make mistakes.

Teacher Notes

- Look for answers that **clearly connect Marcus's experience to students' own lives.**
- Strong responses will go beyond "don't give up" and include **specific personal applications.**
- Accept diverse answers as long as they are **realistic and text-based.**
- Extension: Have students write a short journal entry about a time when they made a mistake and learned from it, connecting it back to Marcus's story.