

Narrative Builder Answer Key

Many answers are correct. Strong responses should include:

- A beginning paragraph that expands the moment when Milo finds the feather by adding setting details, Milo's thoughts, or a small action.
- A middle paragraph that explains how Milo follows the trail, what he notices, or what he wonders about.
- An ending paragraph that describes the discovery of the bird and how the story wraps up.
- Clear connection between all three parts.

Teacher's Guide

- Remind students that each paragraph should grow from the original sentence by adding **details**, **actions**, or **feelings**.
- Encourage the use of transitions like **At first**, **As he continued**, and **In the end** to keep the flow smooth.
- Model how one simple sentence can expand into a rich paragraph by adding who, what, where, when, and how.
- Differentiation ideas:
 - Provide a list of question prompts such as **What did Milo see?** or **How did he feel?**
 - Allow advanced writers to add dialogue or more descriptive language.
- Engagement ideas:
 - Let students illustrate each paragraph after writing.
 - Have partners read each other's expanded paragraphs and guess which original sentences they came from.
- Extension ideas:
 - Challenge students to create their own set of three simple sentences for a classmate to expand into new paragraphs.