Retell Stories With Key Details

Grade 1 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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Tara's Tower

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   - Tara steps back and grins at her tower.
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   - Tara knocks down her tower and walks away.
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4. What happens at the beginning?
   - She picks the flat ones first.
   - Then it wobbles.
   - The tower falls over at the end.
   - Tara knocks the tower down on purpose.

5. What happens in the middle?

She picks the flat ones first.

The tower falls over at the end.

Then it wobbles.

Tara builds the tower outside.

6. What happens at the end?

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7. Which sentence should NOT be in a retell?

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8. What does Tara do in this story?

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9. What lesson does this story teach?

Towers are best when they are short.

Quit when something wobbles.

Fix a small problem and keep going.

10. Which true detail could you add to a retell?

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