Retell Stories With Key Details

Grade 1 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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1. Which sentence retells the whole story?

   Tara steps back and grins at her tower.

   Tara knocks down her tower and walks away.

   Tara builds a tower, fixes it with a wide block when it wobbles, and finishes it.

   Tara picks the flat blocks to start her tower.

2. Which sentence tells only the beginning?

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4. What happens at the beginning?

   Then it wobbles.

   Tara knocks the tower down on purpose.

   She picks the flat ones first.

   The tower falls over at the end.

5. What happens in the middle?

The tower falls over at the end.

She picks the flat ones first.

Tara builds the tower outside.

Then it wobbles.

6. What happens at the end?

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7. Which sentence should NOT be in a retell?

Tara builds the tower outside.

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Tara picks the flat blocks first.

Then it wobbles.

8. What does Tara do in this story?

draws a picture paints a wall reads a book builds a tall tower

9. What lesson does this story teach?

Fix a small problem and keep going.

Quit when something wobbles.

Towers are best when they are short.

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

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