Author's Purpose

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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   - Where can you see a giraffe in a zoo?
   - What are giraffes like?

2. Why did the author write "Few other animals can reach that high"?
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   - to show that the trees in Africa are short and small
   - to show that giraffes eat very slowly because they are tired

3. Why did the author write this text?
   - to tell a funny made-up story about a giraffe
   - to teach readers about giraffes
   - to get readers to visit a zoo

4. Why did the author include paragraph 2?
   - to explain how a giraffe gets leaves
   - to describe a giraffe's coat
   - to tell how tall a giraffe can grow

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