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Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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   - Why are giraffe patches brown?
   - How does a giraffe get leaves?

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