Author's Purpose

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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   - How does a giraffe get leaves?
   - How fast can a giraffe run?

2. How does the author help readers picture a giraffe's height?
   - by comparing it to a fingerprint on glass
   - by comparing it to a one-story house
   - by comparing it to a tall tree in the park

3. Who would most want to read this text?
   - a child who wants to learn about lions
   - a child who wants true facts about giraffes
   - a child who wants a make-believe giraffe story

4. What question does the author answer in this text?
   - Where can you see a giraffe in a zoo?
   - What are giraffes like?
   - How do giraffes sleep at night?

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