Characters, Setting, and Events

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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Lena, who sat next to him, would be the Snow Queen. Amir told her congratulations and smiled. But on the walk home, he kicked every pine cone on the sidewalk, and he skipped his snack.

That night, Grandpa found him staring at the script. "A tree has a job too," Grandpa said. "It stands strong while the story moves around it." Amir didn't answer. Still, the next afternoon, he and Grandpa glued paper leaves onto an old green sweater. Amir practiced standing perfectly still for five whole minutes.

On the night of the play, the school gym was packed with families. Some people had to stand in the back. Halfway through, the painted castle behind Lena began to tip forward. Amir saw it first. Without making a sound, he leaned back and pressed his branches against it. The castle stayed up until the curtain closed.

Afterward, Lena hurried over. "You saved the whole show!" she whispered.

At home, Amir hung his leafy sweater on his bedroom door. He didn't need lines to matter.

1. When does the story take place?
   in late spring in the middle of summer in early December

2. What was Amir's big challenge at the start?
   He forgot his lines in the play.
   He got a small part with no lines.
   He had to sing alone on the big stage.

3. How did Amir really feel about his part? Which clue shows it?
   nervous, because he practiced standing very still
   disappointed, because he kicked every pine cone
   angry, because he yelled at Mrs. Ross in class

4. What did Amir do after Grandpa talked to him?
   He practiced standing perfectly still.
   He painted the castle for the play.
   He asked Mrs. Ross for a new part in the play.

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