Characters, Setting, and Events

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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Bea sighed loudly. She poked at a soggy chip bag with her grabber and dropped it twice. "This is the worst job," she grumbled to Mom.

Then she heard a faint scraping sound, so quiet she almost missed it. A small turtle was stuck between two rocks near the water. A plastic ring from a juice pack was wrapped around its shell.

Bea's heart thumped. She wanted to pull the ring off, but she was afraid of hurting the turtle. So she waved both arms until Mr. Patel saw her. He hurried over with small scissors. While Bea held the shell gently, he snipped the ring away. The turtle blinked, then slid into the creek and swam off.

Bea stared at the plastic ring in her glove. Something so small had almost trapped a turtle. She picked up her bag again. For the rest of the morning, she searched every bush and puddle for trash. She filled two whole bags before lunch.

On the walk home, Mom asked about the stones. Bea shrugged. "Maybe next time," she said.

1. When does the story take place?
   - on a cold Sunday in December
   - on a sunny Saturday afternoon in April
   - on a damp Saturday morning in April

2. What was the big challenge in this story?
   - Mr. Patel ran out of trash bags at noon.
   - A turtle was trapped by a plastic ring.
   - Bea's gloves fell into the creek bed.

3. How did Bea feel when she found the trapped turtle? Which clue shows it?
   - proud, because she filled two bags
   - worried, because her heart thumped
   - annoyed, because she sighed loudly

4. What did Bea do when she saw the turtle?
   - She carried the turtle home in her wet gloves.
   - She waved for Mr. Patel instead of pulling.
   - She pulled the ring off all by herself.

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