Characters, Setting, and Events

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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

2. 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.

3. How did Grandpa respond when he found Amir staring at the script?
   - He said a tree has a job too.
   - He said trees are easy to play.
   - He told Amir to quit the play.

4. How did Amir feel about his part by the end?
   - He wanted to quit the play next year.
   - He was glad that the play was finally over.
   - He knew a part with no lines can matter.

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