Story Structure

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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   - Lily's boat tips over in the puddle, and she cries.

4. Which event belongs in the middle of the story?
   - Lily promises to race next summer.
   - Lily spots Dad's old candle.
   - The boats bob downstream.

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