Story Structure

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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Where Is Peanut?

Nate was the class pet helper this week in Mrs. Grant's room. On Monday morning, he lifted the cover off the cage to feed Peanut, the class's golden hamster. The cage was empty, and its little door was hanging open!

Nate's heart thumped. Where could Peanut be? First, he and his classmates searched under every desk and chair. They found pencils, an eraser and a lost mitten, but no hamster.

Next, Nate set a trail of cardboard tubes across the floor, hoping Peanut would crawl inside one. The class waited ten minutes. Not one tube wiggled.

Then Nate remembered that Peanut loved sunflower seeds. He set a small pile of seeds by each wall of the classroom. Mrs. Grant turned off the lights, and everyone sat as still as statues during reading time. After a while, Nate heard a tiny crunch near the bookshelf. Peanut was nibbling the seeds with his cheeks puffed out!

Nate scooped him up gently and carried him back to the cage. Mrs. Grant twisted a strong wire around the latch so the door could not swing open again. The class clapped for Nate. That afternoon, Nate wrote "Check the latch!" on the pet helper chart for every helper after him.

1. What happens when Nate sets out the cardboard tubes?
   - The class waits, but no tube wiggles.
   - Nate hears a crunch by the bookshelf.
   - Peanut crawls into the first tube.

2. How is the problem solved?
   - Nate puts out sunflower seeds, and the class waits quietly.
   - Nate leaves the cage door wide open all night and goes home.
   - Mrs. Grant brings a new hamster to class the next day.

3. How does the ending wrap up the story?
   - Nate gives up being the class pet helper after the whole mess.
   - Peanut is still lost, and the class keeps looking for him all day.
   - Peanut is safe, and Nate helps make sure it will not happen again.

4. Which event belongs in the middle of the story?
   - Mrs. Grant twists wire around the latch.
   - The class searches under every desk and chair.
   - Nate writes a note on the helper chart by the door.

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