Story Structure

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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

2. 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.

3. Which sentence from the story is part of the ending?
   - Not one tube wiggled.
   - The class clapped for Nate.
   - The class waited ten minutes.

4. Why does Nate write "Check the latch!" at the end?
   - The class wanted more sunflower seeds.
   - Mrs. Grant forgot where the cage was kept.
   - An open cage door is how Peanut got out.

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