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Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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"What a sad place you live in," Pell said, peering at the river. "Everything is wet and dripping. You can't see anything but reeds."

Ripple floated on her back and laughed. "Sad? The water is cool and soft. I can slide down the mudbank fifty times a day. Your home is nothing but hard rocks and wind."

Pell stamped a hoof. "From my ledge, I can see three valleys at once! The sun reaches me first every morning."

"And the cold wind reaches you first every night," Ripple said.

They argued until the sun was high. Neither one would give in. At last, a heron who had been standing on one leg stepped forward. "You each think your home is best because it fits you," she said. "Why not visit and see?"

So Pell tried the river. The water soaked his thick coat, and he shivered on the bank. Ripple tried the mountain. The rocks scraped her paws, and the wind stung her eyes. By evening, both were tired and sore.

That night, Pell lay on his ledge and watched the stars. He thought about how Ripple had smiled while she slid down the mud. Ripple floated under the moon. She thought about how proudly Pell had stood on his high rock.

The next morning, they met at the log again. "Your river is not sad," Pell said. "It is just not for me."

"And your mountain is grand," Ripple said. "For a goat."

From then on, they met at the log each week. Each one told stories about home, and each one listened.

1. What is Pell's point of view about the river at first?
   - It is cool and soft.
   - It is better than his mountain.
   - It would be fun to slide in.
   - It is a sad, wet place.

2. What is Ripple's point of view about her own home?
   - It is much too wet and dripping.
   - It would be better up high.
   - It is a wonderful place to live.
   - It is too crowded with reeds.

3. Which detail does Pell give to support his view of the mountain?
   - The cold wind reaches him first at night.
   - The rocks scrape against his hooves.
   - The water soaks his thick coat.
   - He can see three valleys from his ledge.

4. How is the heron's point of view different from Pell's and Ripple's?
   She thinks the mountain is the best home.
   She thinks each home is best for the animal living there.
   She thinks the river is the best home.
   She thinks both homes are unsafe.

5. Whose thoughts does the narrator share on the night after the visits?
   only Ripple's only the heron's only Pell's both Pell's and Ripple's

6. How can you tell the narrator is not one of the characters?
   The narrator tells only what Pell thinks.
   The narrator is the heron, who watched.
   The narrator says I and we.
   The narrator calls each animal by name, he, or she.

7. What makes Pell and Ripple change their views?
   finding a new home that both of them like
   the heron telling them which home is best
   trying each other's home and remembering the other's joy
   a storm washing the log far away

8. Pell says, "It is just not for me." What does he mean?
   He still thinks the river is a sad place.
   The river is a good home, but not for a goat.
   He wants Ripple to move far away.
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9. Ripple says, "For a goat." What does this show about her view?
   She sees the mountain is grand but prefers the river.
   She thinks goats are better than otters.
   She wants to move up to the mountain.
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10. Pell was "peering at the river." What does peering mean?
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