Inference With Text Evidence

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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Text 3: He scooped up the pieces and pushed them under the couch. His heart thumped so loudly he was sure Mom could hear it from the other room. Then he sat on the couch and tried to look calm.

Text 4: At dinner, Mom said, "Grandma is coming Saturday. She loves seeing her vase on the shelf." Marcus pushed his peas around and did not take a single bite. Mom asked if he felt okay.

Text 5: That night, Marcus could not sleep. He kept picturing Grandma's face when she saw the empty shelf. She had carried that vase all the way from Mexico. He rolled over again and again.

Text 6: In the morning, he pulled the pieces from under the couch and set them on the kitchen table. His hands were shaking, but he waited for Mom to come downstairs. He had made up his mind.

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Text 10: On Saturday, Marcus showed Grandma the pieces and said he was sorry. Grandma hugged him, and together they glued the vase into a bumpy, cracked, but whole shape. Grandma said she liked it even better now.

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   - He is helping Mom clean up.
   - He is not following a family rule.
   - He has never played with a ball.
   - He is practicing for a big game.

2. Use Text 2. Why does Marcus look toward the kitchen?
   - He wants Mom to see the ball.
   - He is hungry for a snack.
   - He wants to know if Mom heard.
   - He hears the doorbell ring.

3. Use Text 3. Which clue shows Marcus feels guilty?
   - His heart thumped so loudly
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4. Use Text 4. Why does Marcus stop eating?
He ate a big snack before dinner.
He does not like peas.
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He wants to leave for Grandma's.

5. Use Text 5. What can you tell about the vase?
Grandma does not care about it.
It is very special to Grandma.
It is easy to buy another one.
It belongs to Marcus.

6. Use Text 6. What is Marcus probably planning to do?
blame the cat for it
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throw the pieces away
tell Mom the truth

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8. Use Text 8. What is Mom probably doing during the long moment?
thinking about what to say
waiting for Grandma to call
getting ready to throw it away
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9. Use Text 9. Why is Mom proud of Marcus?
He bought a new vase. He chose to be honest. He fixed the vase himself.
He played outside all day.

10. Use Text 10. What lesson does Marcus learn?
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