Making Inferences

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

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The Quiet Morning

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He pulled on his robe and padded downstairs. Dad stood at the back door in his tall rubber boots. A shovel leaned against the wall, and a puddle was spreading under it. Dad's cheeks were bright red. He blew on his fingers to warm them.

"Morning, Kofi," Dad said. "The driveway took me an hour."

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Kofi let out a whoop. He raced to the hall closet and dug through a basket. He tossed aside his sneakers and his baseball cap. At the bottom, he found his mittens, his wool hat, and the sled rope.

His little sister, Ama, wandered in and rubbed her eyes. "Why is everyone so happy?" she asked. Kofi pointed at the window. Ama pressed her nose to the glass and squealed.

1. What can you infer happened during the night?
   - A loud storm woke the family.
   - A lot of snow fell.
   - A rainstorm flooded the street.
   - The power went out at home.

2. Why was the street so quiet that morning?
   - Kofi's window was shut very tight.
   - Snow kept buses and cars off the road.
   - It was too early for anyone to be up.
   - Everyone had already left for work.

3. Which clue best shows Dad had been out in the cold?
   - Mom was talking on the phone.
   - Kofi pulled on his robe.
   - His cheeks were red, and he blew on his fingers.
   - The clock said six-thirty.

4. Why was a puddle spreading under the shovel?
   - Dad spilled a glass of water.
   - The roof was leaking by the door.
   - Ama had been playing with a hose.
   - Snow on the shovel was melting.

5. What was Mom's phone call most likely about?
   Grandma was coming over to visit.
   School was closed for the day.
   Dad needed help with the driveway.
   Kofi had missed the school bus.

6. How did Kofi feel when Mom said he would not need his backpack?
   thrilled confused disappointed worried

7. Which clue shows Kofi planned to play outside?
   He found his mittens, wool hat, and sled rope.
   He pulled on his robe and went downstairs.
   He blinked at the bright bedroom.
   He pointed at the kitchen window.

8. Why did Ama squeal at the window?
   She saw Dad slip on the driveway.
   She saw the school bus coming.
   She saw the snow and was excited.
   The glass was too cold on her nose.

9. "Buses rumbled, and car doors slammed." What does rumbled mean?
   stopped very suddenly made a deep, rolling sound flashed bright lights
   drove away very fast

10. Which idea is only a guess, with no clue in the story?
    Dad shoveled the driveway.
    School is closed today.
    School will be closed all week.
    Kofi plans to go sledding.

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