Making Inferences

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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"Did you leave them at the pool?" asked his sister, Lucia.

"I didn't go to the pool," Rafael said with a frown.

That night, Rafael set a green sock on the rug. Then he hid behind his door and waited. Soon he heard tiny claws tapping across the floor. A tail swished past the door. When he peeked out, the green sock was gone.

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Rafael laughed and knelt beside the basket. "So that's where they went," he whispered. He scratched Pepper behind the ears. "Tomorrow I'll buy you a toy of your very own."

1. Who was taking Rafael's socks?

   his sister, Lucia Pepper, the new puppy someone at the pool

2. Why did Rafael put a green sock on the rug?

   to find out who was taking his socks

   to let it dry after a wash

   to give it to his sister

3. Which clue best shows the puppy took the socks?

   Rafael frowned at his sister.

   Something striped poked out from under her blanket.

   Lucia asked about the pool.

4. How did Rafael most likely feel by Thursday?

   puzzled and annoyed calm and sleepy proud and excited

5. Pepper did not lift her head, but one eye opened a crack. What can you infer?

She was pretending to sleep.

She was too sick to move.

She was scared of Rafael.

6. Why did the trail of fuzzy lint matter?

It showed which way the sock went.

It showed Lucia had been there.

It showed the hall needed sweeping.

7. Which sentence is stated in the story, not inferred?

Rafael is not angry at Pepper.

Pepper's basket was in the laundry room.

Pepper likes soft things to chew.

8. Why will Rafael buy Pepper a toy?

so she plays with it, not his socks

because she found his lost socks

because it is her birthday

9. "On Tuesday, a striped one vanished." What does vanished mean?

got dirty was washed disappeared

10. Which idea is NOT supported by clues in the story?

Rafael is kind to Pepper.

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