Making Inferences

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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In the kitchen, she set out a bowl, flour, sugar, and eggs. She followed a recipe card in Grandma's neat handwriting. Twice she dropped a spoon. Each time, she froze and held her breath. Nobody woke up.

An hour later, the kitchen smelled warm and sweet. Amara wiped flour off the counter with a damp towel. She stuck a yellow note on the oven door. It said, "Do NOT open! From A." She drew a little heart under her name.

At seven o'clock, Dad shuffled into the kitchen, rubbing his eyes. He sniffed the air and raised his eyebrows. Then he saw the note and grinned. On the calendar by the fridge, today's box had a balloon drawn in it.

"I wonder what this could be," Dad said, winking at Amara. Amara pressed her lips together and said nothing.

1. Why did Amara tiptoe past her parents' door?
   - She was afraid of the dark hallway.
   - She did not want to wake them up.
   - She was looking for her slippers.

2. What can you infer Amara made in the oven?
   - a sweet treat to celebrate
   - toast for her own breakfast
   - a pot of soup for lunch

3. What is most likely special about today?
   - It is the first day of school.
   - It is Dad's birthday.
   - Grandma is coming to visit.

4. Which clue shows that Amara wanted to keep the treat a secret?

She put a "Do NOT open!" note on the oven.

She wiped flour off the counter.

She followed a recipe card from Grandma.

5. Why did Amara freeze each time she dropped a spoon?

She worried the noise would wake someone.

She heard Dad coming down the stairs.

She thought the spoon had broken.

6. Dad winks and says, "I wonder what this could be." What can you infer?

He can guess the surprise but plays along.

He has no idea what is in the oven.

He is upset that the kitchen is messy.

7. Which sentence is a fact the story states, not an inference?

Dad was pleased by the sweet smell.

Amara stuck a yellow note on the oven door.

Amara wanted to surprise her dad.

8. Dad "shuffled into the kitchen, rubbing his eyes." What does shuffled mean?

ran in quickly and loudly

danced in with happy steps

walked slowly, dragging his feet

9. Which word best describes Amara, based on her actions?

careless careful bossy

10. Which idea is only a guess, with no clue in the story?

Amara has baked many times before.

Dad noticed the sweet smell.

Amara planned a surprise for Dad.

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