Narrative Beginnings

Grade 3 Writing Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer, or write your answer on the lines.

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   At the lake dock, a strong wind pulled at the flags.
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   Isla tightened her gloves and stared at the ball.
   Isla's teammates lifted her up after the final whistle.
   The ball slid between Isla's gloves, and the other team cheered.
   Isla had never let in a goal all season.

3. Each opening is about Zoe and her treehouse. Which one is the strongest hook?
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   Zoe climbed into the treehouse to read her book.
   Zoe and her brother built the treehouse last summer.
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4. This story starts in the middle: "So Maya taped a sign to every pole on Oak Street." Which opening should come before it?
   Maya's cat, Pepper, slipped out the door and did not come back.
   Pepper was curled up on the porch the next morning.
   Maya hugged Pepper and promised to close the door.
   A neighbor called to say she had seen a gray cat.

5. Write the beginning of a story about a surprise package left on a doorstep. Use a hook, name the character and setting, and end with a problem the reader wants solved.

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the opening hooks the reader, introduces a character and setting, and sets up a clear problem without solving it.