Narrative Beginnings

Grade 3 Writing Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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

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   Grace woke up early on the day of the science fair.
   The science fair was held in the gym on Friday.
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   Rosa watched a blue jay land on the fixed feeder.
   Grandma took a photo of the busy feeder.
   A storm knocked Rosa's bird feeder off its hook.

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   Priya was stacking books in the school library when she heard a tiny meow.
   In the end, the kitten had a new home.
   The library was quiet except for the clock.
   Priya has always wanted a pet of her own.

4. Ellie's class is putting on a puppet show. Which opening makes the problem clear right away?
   The class practiced their puppet show every Friday.
   Everyone clapped when the curtain closed.
   Ellie reached into the box, but the dragon puppet was missing.
   Ellie had made her dragon puppet out of green socks.

5. Write the beginning of a story about a class pet that gets out of its cage. Start with a hook, then tell who and where, then show the problem.

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