Narrative Beginnings

Grade 3 Writing Worksheet - Challenge Me

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Name _____ Date _____

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

1. This story starts in the middle: "After that, Eli and his sister searched every shelf in the store." Which opening should come before it?
   - Eli found the list stuck to a cereal box.
   - Eli dropped Mom's shopping list between the car and the store.
   - Mom laughed when she saw the crumpled list.
   - They paid for everything and walked back to the car.

2. Which opening tells who, where, and the problem, all in one sentence?
   - Tomas lost sight of his class and felt his heart pound.
   - In the crowded museum, Tomas turned around and his class was gone.
   - The museum was crowded with classes on Tuesday.
   - Tomas walked through the museum with his class.

3. Arjun is giving a speech to the whole school. Which opening shows the problem, not just a feeling?
   - Arjun cleared his throat as the whole school watched.
   - Arjun unfolded his speech and saw that the second page was blank.
   - Arjun had practiced his speech in front of the mirror.
   - Arjun bowed as the audience clapped loudly.

4. Several openings name Luis and his robot. Which one is the stronger hook?
   - Luis pressed the start button, and his robot rolled straight out the door.
   - Luis pressed the start button on his new robot.
   - Robots are Luis's favorite thing to build.
   - Luis had worked on his robot for three whole weeks.

5. Write the beginning of a story about a snow day when the school bus still comes. Use a hook, name the character and setting, and end with a problem the reader wants solved.

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Character and setting _____

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The problem _____

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