Narrative Beginnings

Grade 3 Writing Worksheet

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Name _____ Date _____

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

1. Story plan: Priya hears a kitten behind the school library. Which opening introduces the character and the setting?
   - Priya was stacking books in the school library when she heard a tiny meow.
   - In the end, the kitten had a new home.
   - Priya has always wanted a pet of her own.
   - The library was quiet except for the clock.

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

3. Which first sentence is the best hook for Grace's science fair story?
   - The science fair was held in the gym on Friday.
   - Grace woke up early on the day of the science fair.
   - Grace made a volcano for the science fair.
   - Three minutes before the judges arrived, Grace's volcano began to leak.

4. This story starts too late: "Then Rosa carried the fixed bird feeder back outside." Which sentence should come before it?
   - Grandma took a photo of the busy feeder.
   - Rosa watched a blue jay land on the fixed feeder.
   - The birds came back to the feeder the next day.
   - A storm knocked Rosa's bird feeder off its hook.

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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