Narrative Beginnings

Grade 3 Writing Worksheet

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Name _____ Date _____

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

1. Marcus is riding the bus on a field trip. Which opening makes the problem clear right away?
   At the zoo, Marcus shared his friend's sandwich.
   The bus rumbled down the highway past the farms.
   Marcus had been waiting all month for the zoo trip.
   Halfway to the zoo, Marcus realized his lunch was still at home.

2. Which first sentence is the best hook for Ben's story about new neighbors?
   One day Ben looked out his window.
   Ben's new neighbors moved in on Saturday.
   A moving truck stopped next door, and a parrot shouted, "Hello, Ben!"
   Ben lived on a quiet street with many houses.

3. This story starts too late: "Then Kai followed the muddy paw prints to the shed." Which sentence should come before it?
   The puppy wagged its tail all the way home.
   Kai found the puppy asleep on a pile of sacks.
   Kai's puppy dashed out the open gate during the rainstorm.
   Kai dried the puppy with an old towel.

4. Story plan: Diego's soccer ball rolls into a neighbor's garden. Which opening introduces the character and the setting?
   Diego is the best kicker on his team.
   Diego was practicing kicks in his front yard after school.
   The yard next door had a tall wooden fence.
   Diego said sorry and promised to be careful.

5. Write the beginning of a story about a field trip on a rainy day. Start with a hook, then tell who and where, then show the problem.

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