Reading Fluency Review

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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Marcus looked under the table. He looked inside the cooler. "They're not here," he said. "Maybe they're still in your mom's car?"

Ellie hurried to the parking lot. Her mom was standing beside the car, holding a tray. "Looking for these?" she asked with a wink.

"Mom, you're amazing!" Ellie cried.

By twelve o'clock, a long line had formed. Mr. Tanaka, the principal, bought three muffins. "I'll take one for me, one for Ms. Bell, and one for... well, maybe I'll eat two," he said. Everyone laughed. Next came a group of fourth graders, then two teachers, and then a dad pushing a stroller with twin babies inside.

The lemon bars sold out first, and Marcus had to keep making change from the money box. Then the muffins disappeared, one by one. Soon, only a single muffin was left on the plate.

A small boy stepped up to the table. He counted his coins carefully — a quarter, another quarter, and two dimes. "I only have seventy cents," he whispered. "Is that enough?"

Ellie looked at Marcus. Marcus looked at Ellie. Then Ellie smiled. "Today," she said, "it's exactly enough."

Later, they counted the money twice to be sure. The class had raised enough for twelve new library books. "Next year," Marcus said, "let's bake twice as many muffins!" Ellie laughed and wrote his idea on the back of the price list.

1. Marcus first read "two for a doll." What made him go back and reread?
   - Ellie told him he read it wrong.
   - The list was too small to see.
   - Mr. Tanaka asked him to read it again.
   - The words did not make sense for a price.

2. In "one for... well, maybe I'll eat two," what do the three dots tell the reader?
   - Raise your voice, like he is asking something.
   - Read faster, like he is in a big hurry.
   - Stop and start the whole line over.
   - Pause, like Mr. Tanaka is changing his mind.

3. Where should a reader pause in this sentence?
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4. "I only have seventy cents," he whispered. How should a reader say the boy's words?
   flat and bored, like a list
   fast and bossy, like an order
   quiet and shy, a little unsure
   loud and proud, like a cheer

5. Which word should get the most stress in "let's bake twice as many muffins!"?
   let's twice many bake

6. Where might a reader slow down to show a quiet, kind moment?
   when Marcus looks under the table
   when the boy asks if his coins are enough
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7. How should a reader read "Ellie looked at Marcus. Marcus looked at Ellie."?
   loudly, as if the two friends are arguing
   with short pauses, as they decide without words
   as one long sentence with no stop at all
   very fast, as if nothing important happens

8. How can a reader break disappeared into parts?
   di-sapp-eared disa-ppe-ared dis-appe-ared dis-ap-peared

9. How should Ellie's voice change in "Oh no! Where are the lemon bars?"
   cheerful, then dropping quietly at the end
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   calm and flat for both of the sentences

10. Reread the part about the last muffin. Why did Ellie say "it's exactly enough"?
    She wanted to keep the last muffin.
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    The boy had one whole dollar in coins.
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