Reading Fluency Review

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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Mia's Sand Castle

Mia and her dad went to the beach on a sunny day. Mia brought a red pail and a small shovel. She wanted to build the biggest sand castle on the beach.

First, she dug a deep hole near the water. Then she filled her pail with wet sand. She packed the sand down hard. She flipped the pail over and tapped the top. Up came a tall tower!

Mia made four towers in a row. Dad dug a moat around them. Water rushed into the moat. "Look out!" shouted Mia. A big wave was coming. Would it knock down the towers?

The wave splashed over the wall. It filled the moat to the top. But the towers stayed up. Mia jumped up and down. "Our castle is still standing!" she cried.

Later, Mia put a shell on each tower. Dad found a long stick for a flag. They sat on a blanket and ate grapes. The castle looked wonderful in the afternoon sun.

1. Where should a reader pause in this sentence?

   Mia and / her dad went to / the beach on a sunny day.

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2. What does the question mark in "Would it knock down the towers?" tell the reader?

   Let your voice go up, like you are wondering.

   Shout every word, like you are very angry.

   Read it flat and low, like a plain fact.

3. "Look out!" shouted Mia. How should a reader say "Look out!"?

   calm and low, like telling a secret

   soft and slow, like a sleepy yawn

   loud and quick, like a warning

4. A reader says picked instead of packed in paragraph 2. What should the reader do?

   Skip that sentence and read the next one.

   Reread the sentence and fix the word.

   Keep going, since the words look alike.

5. Which word in "She wanted to build the biggest sand castle on the beach." should get the most stress?

wanted beach biggest

6. Reread paragraph 4. Why did Mia jump up and down?

The towers stayed up after the wave.

The wave knocked all the towers down.

Dad found a long stick for a flag.

7. How can a reader break wonderful into parts?

wond-erf-ul wo-nder-ful won-der-ful

8. Why might a reader slow down a little at "Would it knock down the towers?"

because the sentence has hard, long words

because the story is almost at its end

to show the worry before the wave hits

9. Which choice shows the best places to pause in this sentence?

They sat on / a blanket and ate / grapes.

They sat on a blanket / and ate grapes.

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10. Why does "Our castle is still standing!" end with an exclamation mark?

Mia is bored, so read it in a low voice.

Mia is asking Dad a question about it.

Mia is excited, so read it with joy.

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