Reading Fluency Review

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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"Two whole miles?" groaned Theo. "That's forever!"

"It's not forever," said his sister, Ana. "It's about one hour, if we keep a steady pace."

The trail began with a gentle slope that wound between tall pine trees. Birds chirped in the branches, and sunlight flickered through the leaves. Theo was out in front, marching quickly. Soon, though, the path grew steep and rocky. Theo slowed down... then slower... then he stopped completely.

"I need a break," he panted. His cheeks were red, and his legs felt as heavy as bricks.

Aunt Rosa handed him a water bottle. "Good idea," she said. "Hikers who rest a little go farther in the end."

Ana pulled the trail map from her backpack and unfolded it on a flat stump. She read the tiny words carefully. "It says the trail curves left at the creek," she said. "Then it climbs to the top."

At the creek, the wide path seemed to disappear. Theo pointed to a narrow trail on the right. "That way looks shorter!"

Ana shook her head. "Remember the sign? It said, 'Stay on the trail.' The map says left, not right."

Theo frowned, but he followed his sister across the stepping stones and up the last steep hill. Twenty minutes later, they stepped onto a wide, flat boulder. Below them, the whole valley stretched out — green fields, a silver lake, and tiny houses like toys.

"Whoa," Theo whispered. "This was worth every step."

Aunt Rosa unpacked sandwiches and apple slices. They sat together on the warm rock and enjoyed the view while a hawk circled high above them. On the way down, Theo didn't complain once. Instead, he hummed the whole time, and he asked, "When can we come back?"

1. Ana says, "It said, 'Stay on the trail.'" Whose words are inside the small quote marks?
   - the words written on the trail sign
   - the words Theo said at the creek
   - the words Aunt Rosa said at the car
   - the words printed on Ana's map

2. How should a reader read "Theo slowed down... then slower... then he stopped completely."?
   - Shout the last word, like Theo is angry.
   - Slow down more at each pause, like Theo.
   - Speed up at each part, like a race.
   - Read it all at once with no pauses.

3. "Two whole miles?" groaned Theo. How should a reader say Theo's words?
   in a quiet, gentle voice
   in a tired, complaining voice
   in a soft, sleepy voice
   in a proud, cheerful voice

4. Which words should get the most stress in "The map says left, not right."?
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5. Where should a reader pause in this sentence?
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6. In "the whole valley stretched out — green fields," what does the dash tell the reader?
   Raise your voice, because a question is coming.
   Speed up, because the next part is not important.
   Pause, then read the list of what they saw.
   Stop, because the story is over now.

7. How can a reader break completely into parts?
   co-mple-tely comp-let-ely com-plete-ly compl-ete-ly

8. A reader says builder instead of boulder in paragraph 10. Which word fits, and why?
   border, because they reached a state line
   boulder, because they stepped onto a big rock
   bolder, because Theo felt brave at the top
   builder, because a worker was at the top

9. "Whoa," Theo whispered. Why does Theo whisper here?
   He thinks Aunt Rosa is asleep nearby.
   He is upset the trail was so long.
   He is telling Ana a secret about the map.
   He is amazed by the beautiful view.

10. Reread the end. How did Theo's feelings about the hike change?
    He went from scared to bored and sleepy.
    He went from happy to tired and grumpy.
    He liked the hike the same the whole time.
    He went from complaining to wanting to return.

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