Sequence of Events

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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Rania's First Fish Tank

Rania had saved her allowance for two months. On Saturday, she and her mom bought a small fish tank.

At home, Rania set up the tank step by step. First, she rinsed the colored gravel in a bucket. Next, she poured the gravel into the bottom of the tank. Then she placed a green plant and a little stone castle on top.

After that, Mom helped her fill the tank with water. They plugged in the filter, and it began to hum softly. Rania wanted to buy a fish right away. However, the pet store worker had told them to wait. The water needed one whole week to get ready.

Rania counted the days on her calendar. Each night, she crossed off one more box.

At last, the next Saturday came. Rania brought home an orange goldfish in a plastic bag. Before she let it out, she floated the bag in the tank for fifteen minutes. That way, the fish could get used to the water.

Finally, Rania opened the bag. The goldfish swam straight into the castle. She named it Captain.

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   She filled the tank with water.

   She poured gravel into the tank.

   She rinsed the gravel in a bucket.

2. What did Rania do right after she poured in the gravel?

   She added a plant and a castle.

   She plugged in the filter.

   She rinsed the gravel again.

3. Why did Rania have to wait before getting a fish?

   The pet store had no goldfish left.

   She had not saved enough money yet.

   The water needed a week to get ready.

4. Which order shows the events from beginning to end?

add gravel, fill with water, bring home a fish

bring home a fish, add gravel, fill with water

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5. What happened when they plugged in the filter?

Rania crossed a box off her calendar.

The goldfish swam into the castle.

It began to hum softly.

6. What did Rania do each night while she waited?

She crossed off a box on her calendar.

She floated a bag in the tank.

She bought more colored gravel.

7. What did Rania do before she let the fish out of the bag?

She named the goldfish Captain.

She put a castle in the tank.

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8. Which time words tell when the next Saturday came?

First At last After that

9. What happened last in the story?

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10. The fish could get used to the water. What does get used to mean?

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