Characters, Setting, and Plot

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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Elena and Ravi were on the same team. Elena was quiet and careful. She liked to test one small change at a time. Ravi was full of ideas, and he liked to try them all at once.

On the first Wednesday, their robot rolled straight off the track. It would not turn at the curve. Ravi grabbed the screwdriver. "We need bigger wheels and a faster motor," he said. He started taking the robot apart before Elena could answer.

Elena crossed her arms and stared at the floor. She had an idea too, but Ravi had not asked. For the rest of the meeting, they hardly spoke. The robot sat in pieces on the table.

The next Wednesday, Ms. Kaur, the club leader, sat down with them. "Each of you gets two minutes to explain your idea," she said. "The other person just listens."

Ravi went first and talked fast. Then it was Elena's turn. She pointed at the light sensor under the robot. "I think the sensor is too high," she said quietly. "It can't see the black line."

Ravi frowned. Then he looked closer. The sensor was dangling almost an inch above the floor. "Oh," he said. "You might be right."

Together, they lowered the sensor and taped it in place. Elena set the robot on the track. It rolled forward, reached the curve, and turned smoothly. It followed the line all the way around.

Ravi gave Elena a high five. "Next time," he said, "I'll ask what you think before I grab the screwdriver."

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   - in the library at Lakeview Elementary
   - in Ms. Kaur's art classroom
   - at the city robot contest in May
   - in Ravi's kitchen after school

2. Who is the leader of the Robot Club?
   Ravi Elena the librarian Ms. Kaur

3. What problem does the team have?
   - Their robot will not move at all.
   - Their robot will not turn at the curve.
   - They have lost their only screwdriver.
   - Their robot's wheels keep falling off.

4. How are Elena and Ravi different?
   - Elena wants a faster motor; Ravi does not.
   - Elena talks fast; Ravi is very quiet.
   - Elena leads the club; Ravi just joined.
   - Elena tests one change; Ravi tries many.

5. Which word best describes Ravi at the beginning?
careful shy quiet impatient

6. How does Elena feel when Ravi takes the robot apart? Which clue shows it?
happy, because she gave a high five
proud, because she set it on the track
nervous, because she talked fast
upset, because she crossed her arms

7. What does Ms. Kaur do to help the team?
She gives each of them a turn to explain.
She brings them bigger wheels to try.
She fixes the light sensor for them.
She moves them onto two new teams.

8. What was really wrong with the robot?
The light sensor sat too high.
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The motor was too slow.
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9. How does Ravi change by the end of the story?
He plans to ask for Elena's ideas.
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He stops sharing any of his ideas.

10. The sensor was dangling above the floor. What does dangling mean?
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