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Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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READ THIS FIRST

The Firefly's Light

On warm summer nights, tiny lights may blink in the grass and trees. These lights come from fireflies. Fireflies are not really flies. They are a kind of beetle.

A firefly makes light inside its body. The light comes from the lower part of its belly. There, special chemicals mix with air. When they mix, they give off light. The firefly can turn its light on and off.

Firefly light is cold light. A light bulb gets hot when it is on, but a firefly's glow does not. Almost none of its energy is lost as heat.

Fireflies use their light to send signals to each other. Each kind of firefly has its own flash pattern. Some flash quickly two times. Others make one long glow. A firefly looks for the pattern of its own kind. In a few places, thousands of fireflies flash at the same time.

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1. Where on its body does a firefly's light come from?
   - the top of its head
   - the lower part of its belly
   - the tips of its wings

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   - It follows the brightest light.
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7. Each kind of firefly has its own flash pattern. What does pattern mean here?

a set way of flashing that repeats

one bright color of light

a place where fireflies live

8. According to the text, when can young fireflies glow?

before they grow wings

only after they grow wings

only when they fly in trees

9. Look back at question 1. Copy the sentence from the text that proves your answer.

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10. Look back at question 2. Copy the sentence from the text that proves your answer.

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