Why Characters Act

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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Fatima asked Mr. Osei if she could take care of the lost items. He agreed. She found a shoebox and covered it with bright paper. On the lid she wrote LOST AND FOUND in big letters. Each afternoon, she checked the seats before she got off. If a name was written on something, she returned it to its owner the next morning.

In the first week, Fatima gave back six things. A first grader hugged his mitten and ran off smiling. Fatima remembered standing at her door, holding her planet book. She knew exactly how he felt.

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   - She wanted to keep things nobody claimed.
   - Mr. Osei asked her to clean the bus.
   - She remembers how it felt to get her book back.

2. Why does Fatima check the seats each afternoon?
   - to find items before they get lost for good
   - to look for a lost book of her own
   - to find a seat near the window

3. Why does Fatima know "exactly how he felt"?
   - She had lost a mitten that morning.
   - She once got a lost thing back too.
   - She used to be in his first-grade class.

4. Why did Rosa knock on Fatima's front door?
   - to give back the book she found under her seat
   - to ask Fatima to walk to the library together
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