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Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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2. Which detail supports the claim that the dabbawalas are dependable in bad weather?
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