Cite Evidence From the Text

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the detail that supports each claim.

READ THIS FIRST

Snow Monkeys in the Hot Springs

In the mountains of central Japan, winter can be bitterly cold. Snow may cover the ground for four months, and temperatures often fall below freezing. Yet one group of Japanese macaques, often called snow monkeys, has found a warm place to spend the winter. Their thick fur keeps them warm on land, but the coldest days call for something more.

In a valley called Jigokudani, natural hot springs bubble up from the ground. The water stays warm even when snow falls around it. Some of the monkeys climb into these pools and sit with only their heads above the water. Snowflakes collect on their fur while their bodies stay warm below.

Not every monkey bathes. Scientists who studied the group found that higher-ranking females spent the most time in the springs. Younger and lower-ranking monkeys often waited at the edge. The scientists also measured a stress hormone in the monkeys' droppings. In winter, the bathers had lower levels than the monkeys that stayed dry.

The monkeys did not always bathe. Park workers say the habit began in the 1960s. A young female followed some beans that had been tossed into a pool. Others soon copied her, and the habit spread through the group.

Today, visitors travel from around the world to watch the monkeys soak. They must stay on the paths and never feed the animals.

1. A reader claims that winters near Jigokudani are harsh. Which detail supports this?
   Visitors travel from around the world.
   Natural hot springs bubble up from the ground.
   Snow can cover the ground for four months.

2. Which detail supports the claim that bathing is a learned habit?
   Higher-ranking females spent the most time in the springs.
   Others soon copied her, and the habit spread.
   The pools are in a valley called Jigokudani.

3. A reader claims that people try to protect the monkeys. Which detail supports this?
   Some monkeys sit with only their heads above the water.
   Scientists also measured a stress hormone in droppings.
   Visitors must stay on the paths and not feed them.

4. A student says, "Scientists studied the monkeys carefully." Which detail best supports this?
   Visitors travel from around the world to watch the monkeys.
   They tracked who bathed and measured a stress hormone.
   The monkeys sit with only their heads above the warm water.

Scan to get this marked free. No screen time for your child.
Print it · do it in pencil · scan it · PencilGo picks the next sheet.

Cite Evidence From the Text

Answer Key - Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Read the text. Circle the detail that supports each claim.

READ THIS FIRST

Snow Monkeys in the Hot Springs

In the mountains of central Japan, winter can be bitterly cold. Snow may cover the ground for four months, and temperatures often fall below freezing. Yet one group of Japanese macaques, often called snow monkeys, has found a warm place to spend the winter. Their thick fur keeps them warm on land, but the coldest days call for something more.

In a valley called Jigokudani, natural hot springs bubble up from the ground. The water stays warm even when snow falls around it. Some of the monkeys climb into these pools and sit with only their heads above the water. Snowflakes collect on their fur while their bodies stay warm below.

Not every monkey bathes. Scientists who studied the group found that higher-ranking females spent the most time in the springs. Younger and lower-ranking monkeys often waited at the edge. The scientists also measured a stress hormone in the monkeys' droppings. In winter, the bathers had lower levels than the monkeys that stayed dry.

The monkeys did not always bathe. Park workers say the habit began in the 1960s. A young female followed some beans that had been tossed into a pool. Others soon copied her, and the habit spread through the group.

Today, visitors travel from around the world to watch the monkeys soak. They must stay on the paths and never feed the animals.

1. A reader claims that winters near Jigokudani are harsh. Which detail supports this?
   Visitors travel from around the world.
   Natural hot springs bubble up from the ground.
   Snow can cover the ground for four months.

2. Which detail supports the claim that bathing is a learned habit?
   Higher-ranking females spent the most time in the springs.
   Others soon copied her, and the habit spread.
   The pools are in a valley called Jigokudani.

3. A reader claims that people try to protect the monkeys. Which detail supports this?
   Some monkeys sit with only their heads above the water.
   Scientists also measured a stress hormone in droppings.
   Visitors must stay on the paths and not feed them.

4. A student says, "Scientists studied the monkeys carefully." Which detail best supports this?
   Visitors travel from around the world to watch the monkeys.
   They tracked who bathed and measured a stress hormone.
   The monkeys sit with only their heads above the warm water.