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Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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Most dabbawalas do not use phones or computers to track the boxes. Instead, each lid is painted with a short code of colors, numbers and letters. The code tells which station, which building and which floor the box needs.

The system is more than a hundred years old. Visitors from big companies have come to study it. Some reports say the dabbawalas almost never lose a box. They keep working even in heavy monsoon rain, when streets fill with water.

For many families, the lunchbox is more than a meal. It is a small taste of home in the middle of a long workday.

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   The system has been running for over a hundred years.
   Each box must reach its office before lunchtime.
   Some boxes ride the trains into the city.

2. A reader infers that the dabbawalas hardly ever make mistakes. Which detail supports this?
   Some reports say they almost never lose a box.
   A dabbawala picks up each box by bicycle.
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3. A reader infers that carrying the boxes is hard on the body. Which detail supports this?
   One worker may carry dozens of boxes on one crate.
   Families cook a hot lunch and pack it in a round tin box.
   Workers sort the boxes at the train station.

4. A reader infers that families trust the dabbawalas. Which detail supports this?
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