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Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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   Snowflakes collect on the monkeys' fur while they soak.
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3. A reader infers that the monkeys need the hot springs most when it is coldest. Which detail supports this?
   The hot springs bubble up in a valley called Jigokudani.
   The coldest days call for something more than thick fur.
   Snowflakes collect on the monkeys' fur in the pools.

4. A reader infers that lower-ranking monkeys have to wait for a turn in the pools. Which detail supports this?
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Answer Key - Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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