Use Context Clues

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle what the word means.

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Aiko Learns to Weave

Aiko's grandmother had a wooden loom in her sunroom. A loom is a frame that holds threads tight so a person can weave them into cloth. One rainy Saturday, Grandma asked, "Would you like to make a small scarf?"

Aiko nodded eagerly. She had wanted to try weaving for a long time. Grandma showed her how the long threads ran up and down the loom. Then she handed Aiko a shuttle, a smooth wooden stick wrapped with blue yarn. "Pass the shuttle over one thread and under the next," Grandma said.

At first, Aiko went too fast. She skipped threads, and the yarn bunched into lumps. Soon the rows were tangled, twisted together in a messy knot. Aiko felt discouraged. She wanted to give up and read a book instead.

"Every weaver makes knots at first," Grandma said. "Go slowly, and press each row down gently."

Aiko took a deep breath. This time she was patient. She counted every thread and never rushed. Row by row, the blue cloth grew. Next, she added a stripe of yellow yarn.

After an hour, Aiko held up her work. The cloth was still delicate. Grandma warned that it could unravel, or come apart, if they pulled it off the loom too soon. So Grandma tied the loose ends into tight little knots. Then the scarf was sturdy and would not fall apart.

Aiko wrapped the striped scarf around her neck. It was a little crooked, but it was soft and warm. "Can we make another one tomorrow?" she asked.

Grandma laughed. "Spoken like a true weaver."

1. What is a loom?
   a ball of soft blue yarn
   a stick wrapped with yarn
   a frame that holds threads for weaving

2. Soon the rows were tangled. What does tangled mean?
   smooth and straight twisted together in a mess cut into short pieces

3. Aiko felt discouraged. What does discouraged mean?
   excited to keep going
   proud of her work
   losing hope and ready to quit

4. The cloth was still delicate. What does delicate mean?
   long and heavy easy to damage bright and colorful

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