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Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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8. Which detail does not belong in this text?
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