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Grade 4 Writing Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read each source. Circle the best paraphrase.

1. Source: "Honey can be stored for years without spoiling because it contains very little water." Which is the best paraphrase?

   Honey can be kept for years without spoiling because it holds very little water.

   Since honey has hardly any water in it, it can stay good for many years.

   Honey is the tastiest food because it never goes bad.

   Honey spoils quickly unless it is kept in the refrigerator.

2. Source: "The Great Wall of China was built over hundreds of years by many different rulers." Which is the best paraphrase?

   One ruler built the Great Wall of China in just a few hundred days.

   The Great Wall of China is the most impressive thing people ever built.

   The Great Wall of China was built over many hundreds of years by lots of different rulers.

   Many rulers added to the Great Wall of China across several centuries.

3. Source: "Hummingbirds beat their wings so fast that they can hover in one spot like a helicopter." Which is the best paraphrase?

   Hummingbirds beat their wings so quickly that they can hover in one place like a helicopter.

   Hummingbirds have the most amazing wings of any bird.

   Because their wings move very quickly, hummingbirds can stay still in the air.

   Hummingbirds fly faster than helicopters because of their quick wings.

4. Source: "Hot-air balloons rise because the air inside them is heated and becomes lighter than the air outside." Which is the best paraphrase?

   Hot-air balloons rise because heating makes the air inside heavier than the air outside.

   A hot-air balloon goes up because warming the air inside makes it weigh less than the air around it.

   Hot-air balloons are the best way to see the sky because they float up so smoothly.

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