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Grade 4 Writing Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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Answer Key - Grade 4 Writing Worksheet - Building Confidence

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1. Source: "Hippos spend most of the day in water to stay cool."

Model answer: "To keep cool, a hippo stays in the water for much of each day." Check that it: keeps both facts: hippos spend much of the day in water, and the water keeps them cool; uses new words; adds no opinion.

2. Source: "Pumpkins grow on long vines that spread along the ground."

Model answer: "Long vines creep across the ground, and the pumpkins grow on them." Check that it: keeps both facts: pumpkins grow on vines, and the vines are long and spread over the ground; uses new words; adds no opinion.

3. Source: "Whales are mammals, so they breathe air and feed milk to their babies."

Model answer: "Because whales are mammals, they take in air and their young drink milk." Check that it: keeps all three facts: whales are mammals, they breathe air, and babies drink milk; uses new words; adds no opinion.

4. Source: "A turtle can pull its head and legs into its shell."

Model answer: "A turtle is able to slide both its head and its legs back inside its shell." Check that it: keeps both facts: the head and the legs go into the shell; uses new words, not the source sentence; adds no opinion.