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Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the story. Circle the sentence that tells what a character is thinking or feeling.

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Version 1: Told by Bao

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On Thursday, I stepped back to look at them. Then I heard a crash. Nadia had knocked over a can of blue paint. She sits next to me in class, and she is always in a hurry. It splashed across the bottom of the wall and covered my best turtle.

I couldn't believe it. "You ruined it!" I said. Nadia didn't even say sorry. She just grabbed a brush and started painting over the splash. I was sure she didn't care about my work at all. I walked away to wash my brushes. I didn't want to watch her make it worse.

Version 2: Told by a Narrator

The class was painting an ocean mural on the cafeteria wall. Bao had worked on his sea turtles for three days. Nadia thought they were the best part of the whole mural.

On Thursday, Nadia reached for a brush, and her elbow bumped the paint can. Blue paint splashed across the bottom of the wall and over Bao's best turtle.

Nadia's face went hot. She wanted to say sorry, but the words stuck in her throat. Then she had an idea. If she painted the splash into waves, the turtle could look like it was swimming through them. She grabbed a brush and started working quickly. She mixed a little white into the blue to make foam.

Bao frowned and went to wash his brushes at the sink. He thought she didn't care at all. He did not know that Nadia was trying to save his turtle.

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