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Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

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

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Mr. Abebe gripped the steering wheel. He had driven this route for twelve years, but he had never seen snow this deep. He kept his face calm for his passengers. Inside, he was counting the stops and hoping the bus would not slide. His own children were safe at home today. He wanted every passenger to get home safely too.

In the third row sat Esperanza, a fourth grader with a library book on her lap. She was not reading. She was worried about her little sister, Rosa, who was waiting at the after-school center. Esperanza had promised to pick her up at four-thirty. It was already four-fifteen, and the center was still six stops away. Rosa was only five. She always worried when Esperanza was late, and she would be watching the door.

Across the aisle sat an older man named Mr. Lindqvist. He held a bag of oranges for his granddaughter. He noticed Esperanza tapping her foot and glancing at the clock above the driver. He remembered being a nervous child himself, long ago. He wondered if the girl was going somewhere important.

Suddenly, the bus slid gently sideways and stopped against a snowbank. The engine hummed, but the wheels only spun. A few passengers groaned. One woman sighed and opened a magazine.

"Sorry, folks," Mr. Abebe said. "We'll wait here a few minutes for the plow."

Esperanza's eyes filled with tears. Mr. Lindqvist leaned across the aisle. "Is someone waiting for you?" he asked kindly.

"My sister," she said. "I'm supposed to pick her up."

Mr. Lindqvist pulled out his phone. "Do you know the center's number?"

Esperanza did. She had learned it by heart in case of emergencies. She called and spoke to Ms. Grace, who promised to stay with Rosa until Esperanza arrived. Esperanza let out a long breath and leaned back in her seat. Mr. Lindqvist tucked his phone away and offered her an orange. She took it with a shy smile.

Mr. Abebe had been watching in his mirror. For the first time since noon, he smiled. Behind the bus, the yellow lights of a plow were already flashing.

"Hold on, everyone," Mr. Abebe called. "We'll be moving soon."

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