Read With Accuracy and Fluency

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the story. Circle how a reader should say each line.

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The Ball on the Roof

Kwame and his little sister Ama took their new soccer ball to the field behind the community center. It was a windy afternoon, and the grass was still wet from the morning rain.

"Ready?" Ama called.

"Ready!" Kwame shouted back.

Ama passed the ball, and Kwame gave it his hardest kick. The ball flew up, up, and over the fence. It bounced once and landed on the flat roof of the community center.

"Oh no," Ama whispered. "Is it stuck forever?"

Kwame looked up at the roof. He could see a white and black curve near the edge. "Not forever," he said. "Just for now."

They walked inside and found Mr. Okafor, the custodian. He was sweeping the floor near the front desk. Kwame explained what had happened.

Mr. Okafor smiled. "That happens a lot," he said. "Wait here, please. I will get my tall ladder."

A few minutes later, he came back with the ball under one arm. It was a little muddy, but it still had plenty of air.

"Thank you so much!" Ama said.

"Next time," Mr. Okafor said, "kick it low, not high. The roof is not part of the field."

Kwame laughed and nodded. On the way back outside, he practiced a few small, gentle kicks. The ball rolled along the grass and stayed right where he wanted it.

1. How should a reader say Ama's words 'Is it stuck forever?'
   in a flat voice that drops at the end
   in a proud, cheerful voice
   in a worried voice that rises at the end

2. How should a reader say Kwame's line 'Ready!'?
   softly, because he whispered it
   loudly, because he shouted it
   slowly, as if he were asking

3. Ama whispered 'Oh no.' How should a reader say those two words?
   loudly and happily fast and angrily quietly and sadly

4. How should a reader say Ama's words 'Thank you so much!'?
   in a happy, thankful voice in a sleepy, bored voice in a cross, angry voice

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