Story Structure

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

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Noelani's First Snow: A Story and a Poem

Version 1: A Story

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One November morning, she woke up and saw a strange white light around her curtains. She pulled them open. The whole yard was covered in snow. For a moment, she thought someone had painted the neighborhood white. The fence posts wore white caps, and the car looked like a giant marshmallow.

Noelani pulled her new boots on over her pajamas and rushed outside. The cold air stung her cheeks. She held out her mitten, and a snowflake landed on it. It was a tiny star with six points. Then it melted into a drop of water.

Noelani laughed and stuck out her tongue to catch more flakes. Her breath made little clouds in the air. The street was empty, and the trees did not move. She had always pictured snow as loud, like rain on a roof. Instead, it fell without making any sound at all.

Version 2: A Poem by Noelani

Morning Snow

I left the island's warm, green shore
To live where winters blow.
This morning, through my curtain's edge,
I saw a world of snow.

The fence posts wear their winter caps.
Our car is round and white.
The street is still, the trees are hushed,
The whole yard glows with light.

A snowflake lands on my mitten,
A star, so small and neat.
It turns into a shining drop.
I stamp my snowy feet.

I catch the flakes upon my tongue.
I laugh and spin around.
I never knew that snow could fall
Without the smallest sound.

1. Which line in the poem matches the story's sentence "the car looked like a giant marshmallow"?
   - "The whole yard glows with light."
   - "Our car is round and white."
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2. Which line in the poem matches the story's sentence "Noelani laughed and stuck out her tongue to catch more flakes"?
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3. Which line in the poem matches the story's sentence "She held out her mitten, and a snowflake landed on it"?
   "I never knew that snow could fall"
   "The fence posts wear their winter caps."
   "It turns into a shining drop."
   "A snowflake lands on my mitten,"

4. Which line in the poem matches the story's sentence "The street was empty, and the trees did not move"?
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