Use Evidence in Stories

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the story. Circle the detail that shows each idea.

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Isabela's hands were cold. She rubbed them together under the desk and took a slow breath. Her coach had told her, "Don't rush. Check your work before you lift your board."

The judge read the last problem. Isabela worked fast. She wrote her answer on her small whiteboard and held it up at the same moment as Theo. The judge glanced at both boards. "Both correct," he announced. "We will need another round."

Isabela lowered her board and looked at it. Her stomach dropped. She had written 84. The answer was 48. She had flipped the digits in her rush. The judge had read Theo's board first, and he had not looked closely at hers.

If she spoke up, Theo would win. For one second, she thought about the trophy.

Then she raised her hand. "Excuse me," she said. "I wrote 84. Mine is wrong."

The room went silent. The judge looked again and nodded. "Thank you," he said. "Theo is our champion."

Theo walked over and shook her hand. "That was really fair," he said quietly. His ears turned red.

Isabela's school finished in second place. On the bus ride home, her coach sat down beside her. He didn't talk about the trophy. Instead, he handed her a small paper card. On it, he had written one word in green marker: Champion.

Isabela turned the card over in her hands all the way home.

1. Which detail shows Isabela knew that telling the truth would cost her?

   If she spoke up, Theo would win.

   Parents waited in the hallway.

   She had flipped the digits in her rush.

   The judge glanced at both boards.

2. Which detail best supports the idea that the coach cared about her choice, not her place?

   He didn't talk about the trophy.

   He wrote with a green marker.

   He had told her to check her work.

   He sat down beside her on the bus.

3. Which detail best supports the idea that the gym was quiet?

   Parents waited in the hallway outside the door.

   Theo wore a T-shirt that said Math Team Captain.

   Forty desks sat in neat rows.

   Only markers squeaked and the timer ticked.

4. Which detail shows that Isabela was nervous?

   She rubbed her cold hands under the desk.

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