Use Evidence in Stories

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the story. Circle what the reader can infer.

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"Wait here," he told her.

He came back with a purple umbrella. One spoke was bent, so one side drooped a little. "It still keeps most of the rain off," Naveen said. "That's close enough."

The girl held it over her head and twirled it. She gave him a gap-toothed grin.

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3. What can you infer from the last sentence?
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4. What can you infer about the umbrellas in the lost-and-found box?
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