Use Evidence in Stories

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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On Saturday morning, there was a knock at the door. Mrs. Petrova stood on the step with a jar of honey and a paper bag of lemons.

"For your throat," she said. "The porch has been too quiet."

Femi's mother invited her in for tea. Mrs. Petrova sat at the kitchen table and looked at the trumpet case in the corner. She told them that her husband had played trumpet in a band many years ago.

"He practiced on our porch, too," she said. "I used to open the window to hear him."

When Femi felt better, he went back to the porch and played his concert song. Halfway through, he noticed something new. The curtain in Mrs. Petrova's kitchen window was pulled all the way open.

Femi stood up a little taller. He played the last part of the song a little louder than before.

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2. What does the open curtain at the end suggest?
   - Mrs. Petrova wants more light for her tomatoes.
   - Mrs. Petrova has moved out of her house.
   - Mrs. Petrova wants to hear Femi play.

3. What can you infer about Femi when he stood up a little taller?
   - He felt angry at Mrs. Petrova.
   - He felt proud and happy.
   - He felt tired from his cold.

4. What can you infer about Femi's mother?
   - She is too busy for visitors.
   - She does not like Mrs. Petrova.
   - She is friendly and welcoming.

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