Use Evidence in Stories

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the story. Circle the best reason for each why question.

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Naveen stopped. He looked at the girl's soaked jacket. Then he looked toward the lost-and-found box by the front door.

"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.

That afternoon, Naveen asked his teacher, Mr. Reyes, for a sheet of poster paper. He wrote BORROW AN UMBRELLA — BRING IT BACK in big letters. Underneath, he drew a row of umbrellas in every color. He taped the sign above the box.

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   - He thought of an umbrella for the girl.

2. Why did the first grader twirl the umbrella?
   - She wanted to dry it off.
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   - The bus stop was close enough to the school.
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