Write From Text Evidence

Grade 4 Writing Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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Jada had folded a different plane. Hers had wide, flat wings and a blunt nose. "Mine might glide longer," she said.

The class gathered at a line of tape on the gym floor. Ms. Patel gave every pair a tape measure and a chart. "Each plane gets three throws," she explained. "Throw from the same line, and throw the same way each time. Then we will compare."

Mateo threw first. His dart shot forward fast, then dipped and skidded across the floor. Jada measured twenty-one feet. His next two throws landed at nineteen feet and twenty-two feet.

Jada's turn came next. Her plane drifted slowly at first. It seemed to float, then sailed past the dart's mark. It landed at twenty-eight feet. Her other throws went twenty-six and thirty feet.

Mateo stared at the chart. "Maybe I threw mine wrong," he said.

"We used the same line and the same throw," Jada reminded him. "That was the point."

Mateo was quiet for a moment. Then he picked up a fresh sheet of paper. "What if I keep the sharp nose but make the wings wider?" he asked.

Ms. Patel smiled. "That sounds like a new test," she said. "Write down what you think will happen first."

At the end of class, Mateo added a new row to the chart. He labeled it "Dart with wide wings" and wrote his guess: twenty-five feet.

1. Which detail best supports this claim: "The test was fair"?

   Mateo stared at the chart.

   "Throw from the same line, and throw the same way each time."

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2. Which detail best supports this claim: "Mateo expected his dart to win"?

The class gathered at a line of tape on the gym floor.

Jada had folded a different plane with wide, flat wings and a blunt nose.

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Ms. Patel gave every pair a tape measure and a chart.

3. Which detail best supports this claim: "Jada's plane flew far on all three throws"?

Ms. Patel told the class that each plane gets three throws from the same line.

It landed at twenty-eight feet. Her other throws went twenty-six and thirty feet.

At the end of class, Mateo added a new row to the chart for his next plane.

Mateo had folded a dart with a sharp nose and narrow wings, like a jet.

4. Which detail best supports this claim: "Mateo planned a new test using what he learned"?

Mateo threw first, and his dart shot forward fast.

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