Write From Text Evidence

Grade 4 Writing Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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READ THIS FIRST

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   - Grandpa knows birds may wait before they try a new feeder.
   - Grandpa wants Nina to move the feeder to a new tree.

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