Find the Theme

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the story. Circle the best reason.

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The Borrowed Scooter

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At the park, Amara and Lena took turns racing down the smooth path. On her last turn, Amara hit a crack in the pavement. She jumped off safely, but the scooter slammed into a bench. When she picked it up, the handlebar wobbled, and a long scratch ran down the blue paint.

Amara's stomach dropped. "Maybe he won't notice," Lena said. "You could just lean it against his fence and go home."

On the walk back, Amara thought about Lena's idea. It would be easy. Mr. Haddad's eyes were not very good anymore. But she pictured his grandson trying to ride on Saturday. The loose handlebar could make him fall. She also remembered how quickly Mr. Haddad had said yes.

Amara knocked on his door. Her voice shook as she told him what had happened. "I'm really sorry," she said. "I can help fix it. I'll use my birthday money for the paint."

Mr. Haddad looked at the scooter for a long moment. Then he went to get his toolbox. "A handlebar is easy to fix," he said. "A person who tells the truth is harder to find." He showed Amara how to tighten the bolt with a wrench. Together they painted over the scratch with a small jar of blue paint.

Two weeks later, Mr. Haddad stopped Amara on the sidewalk. He was going away for a few days. "Would you water my tomato plants while I'm gone?" he asked. He handed her his spare key. Amara held it carefully. She knew he would not give it to just anyone.

1. Which reasons helped Amara decide to tell the truth?

   She worried about his grandson and remembered his kindness.

   She wanted to ride the scooter again on Saturday.

   She knew Mr. Haddad had watched the crash.

   Lena changed her mind and told her to confess.

2. Why did Amara's voice shake at Mr. Haddad's door?

She was cold from the long walk home.

She was out of breath from running.

She was still angry at Lena.

She was nervous about admitting the damage.

3. Why did Amara's stomach drop at the park?

She saw the scratch and the loose handlebar.

She realized it was almost time for dinner.

She realized she had left her backpack at the park.

She saw that Lena was laughing at her.

4. Why does Mr. Haddad give Amara his spare key?

He wants her to fix the handlebar alone this time.

He trusts her because she told the truth.

He forgot his own key and needs her to hold it.

He wants her to ride the scooter again soon.

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