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Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the story. Circle what the words or the detail show.

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On Monday, she pinned the map on the community center wall. By Wednesday, three sticky notes were stuck beside it. One said the waterfall was drawn on the wrong side of the stream. Another asked how long the hike took. The third simply said, "Where is the restroom?"

Leilani's first thought was to pull the notes off. She had worked hard, and the notes made her map look messy. Her cousin Keoni read them over her shoulder. "People are picky," he said. "Just ignore them."

Leilani nodded, but she did not pull the notes down. She told herself she would deal with them later, once she was no longer annoyed.

That evening, though, Leilani kept thinking about the waterfall note. She opened her hiking journal and found a photo from last summer. The stream really did run on the other side. She had drawn it from memory, and her memory was wrong.

On Saturday, Leilani hiked the trail again, this time with a notebook and a watch. She timed each section. She counted the switchbacks on the steep part. At the banyan tree, she wrote down which fork led to the lookout and which one led back to the road. At the trailhead, she found a small restroom hidden behind a row of ferns. She had walked past it a hundred times without noticing.

Her second map took two more weekends. It showed the stream in the right place, the time for each section, and a tiny symbol for the restroom. She added a box at the bottom: "See something wrong? Leave a note!"

A month later, a family visiting from Ohio stopped her at the trailhead. The father was holding a photo of her map on his phone. "We almost turned back at the banyan tree," he said. "Your map told us the lookout was only fifteen minutes more." His daughter showed Leilani a picture of the view.

That afternoon, Leilani found a new sticky note beside her map. It said that a fallen branch was blocking the path near the lookout. Keoni rolled his eyes. "Another complaint," he said.

Leilani was already reaching for her pencil. "No," she said. "Another clue."

1. The restroom had been there all along. What does this detail suggest?

   The restroom was built after the first map.

   The ferns were planted to hide the restroom.

   Few hikers ever use the trail restroom.

   Even an expert can miss what others notice.

2. Keoni says, "People are picky. Just ignore them." What does this show?

   He thinks visitors should draw their own map.

   He wants Leilani to answer every note.

   He is worried the waterfall is drawn wrongly.

   He sees the notes as complaints, not help.

3. Leilani told herself she would deal with the notes later, once she was no longer annoyed. What does this show?

   She planned to take her map off the wall that night.

   She was upset but planned to deal with the notes later.

   She had decided that the notes were not worth reading at all.

   She was excited that people had found problems on her map.

4. The father says, "We almost turned back at the banyan tree." What does this show?

   The trail is too hard for most visitors.

   The banyan tree was too far from the trailhead.

   The details Leilani added helped visitors keep going.

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