Find the Theme

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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

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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. Amara's voice shook as she told him what had happened. What does this show?

   It was hard for her to tell the truth.

   She was angry at Mr. Haddad.

   She was not sorry for what she did.

   She was excited to show him the scooter.

2. Mr. Haddad says, "A handlebar is easy to fix. A person who tells the truth is harder to find." What does this show?

- He values honesty more than the damage.
- He is upset that the scooter was borrowed.
- He thinks the scooter is not important at all.
- He thinks Amara should have fixed it alone.

3. Amara knew he would not give his spare key to just anyone. What does this show?

- Her honesty about the scooter earned his trust.
- He wants to pay her back for painting the scooter.
- He wants her to feel bad about the scooter.
- He is going away and has no one else he could ask.

4. Amara pictured his grandson trying to ride on Saturday. What does this show?

- She was thinking about who could get hurt.
- She was wondering what Lena would say on Saturday.
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- She was making plans to ride the scooter on Saturday herself.

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