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Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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   The cat has a gray tail.
   Cats are lucky animals.
   Three neighbors said they put out food for the cat every day, and the cat looked healthy.

2. Claim: Practicing the speech built Leo's confidence.
   Leo spoke more clearly and looked up more often after he practiced the speech five times.
   The speech was about dogs.
   Speeches are a good idea.

3. Claim: Warm water dissolves sugar faster than cold water.
   Sugar is sweet.
   The sugar cube vanished in 20 seconds in the warm water and took 90 seconds in the cold water.
   Dissolving things is cool.

4. Claim: Planting trees cooled the schoolyard.
   The trees were planted on a Tuesday.
   Trees are beautiful.
   The thermometer in the yard read five degrees lower under the new trees than on the open blacktop.

5. Claim: The new library hours helped more families use the library.
   The library counted 200 more visitors on weekday evenings after it stayed open later.
   The library has a tall front door.
   Libraries should be open all the time.

6. Claim: Traffic lights keep intersections safe.
   The light has three colors.
   The town reported fewer crashes at the corner after a traffic light was installed.
   Lights are very useful.

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