Author's Purpose and Point of View

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

READ THIS FIRST

Press a Flower, Keep a Summer

Do you want to save a bit of summer to enjoy in winter? You can press flowers at home with things you already have. Pressed flowers keep their color for years. You can use them to decorate cards, bookmarks and picture frames.

First, choose your flowers. Flat flowers such as pansies, violets and daisies work best. Thick flowers like roses are harder to press because they hold a lot of water. Pick your flowers in the late morning, after the dew has dried. Wet petals can turn brown or grow mold.

Next, prepare your press. Open a heavy book near the middle. Lay a sheet of plain paper on one page. Paper towels or coffee filters also work well. Never put flowers right on the pages, because the moisture can stain the book.

Then arrange the flowers. Place each flower face down on the paper. Leave a little space between them so they do not stick together. Cover the flowers with a second sheet of paper and gently close the book.

After that, add weight. Stack two or three more books on top. Put the stack somewhere dry where no one will bump it.

Finally, be patient. Leave the flowers alone for two to three weeks. Opening the book too early can tear the petals. When the flowers feel dry and papery, lift them out carefully with tweezers.

Ask an adult before you pick flowers from a garden or a park. Some places do not allow picking. With a little care, you will have a bright collection to enjoy all year.

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   to persuade readers to plant a flower garden

   to tell the history of pressing flowers

   to teach readers how to press flowers at home

2. Why does the author ask a question in the very first sentence?

   to catch the reader's interest in the project

   to test whether the reader knows about flowers

   to show that the author is unsure how to begin

3. Why does the author use words like First, Next and Finally?

to compare different kinds of flowers

to list reasons pressing is a good hobby

to show the order of the steps

4. Why does the author explain that roses hold a lot of water?

to tell why thick flowers are harder to press

to tell readers to water roses every morning

to tell why roses are the best flower to choose

5. Why does the author warn readers not to put flowers right on the pages?

The moisture could stain the book.

The flowers could fall out of the book.

The pages could make the petals turn brown.

6. What does the author want readers to do before picking flowers in a park?

cover them with a paper towel

ask an adult first

choose roses instead of daisies

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