Compare Characters and Settings

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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Thandi was ten and believed in packing fast. "Why pack early?" she asked. "The clothes just sit in a bag." On Friday night, the night before the bus, she pulled her suitcase out from under her bed. She tossed in shorts, shirts, a flashlight and her favorite book. It took her eleven minutes.

On the first night at camp, the sisters discovered their problems. Lerato had packed everything on her list. However, she had forgotten to put her pillow on the list, so she had no pillow. Thandi had remembered her pillow because she always slept with it. But in her hurry, she had forgotten her toothbrush and her socks.

Lerato laughed when she saw Thandi's bag. "No socks? For a whole week?"

Thandi laughed back. "No pillow? You made a list!"

The camp store sold toothbrushes, so Thandi bought one. Lerato had brought extra socks, just as her list said, and she shared two pairs. In return, Thandi folded her sweatshirt into a soft square for Lerato's head.

On the bus ride home, Lerato opened her notebook. Under her list, she wrote one new word: pillow. Thandi watched her and grinned. "Maybe next time," she said, "I'll write a list too. A short one."

1. How are Lerato and Thandi different in how they pack?

   Lerato packs early with a list; Thandi packs fast the night before.

   Lerato packs fast the night before; Thandi packs early with a list.

   Both sisters pack early and check off a list.

2. What did Lerato forget to bring?

   her socks her toothbrush her pillow

3. Why did Thandi remember her pillow?

She always slept with it.

Lerato reminded her to pack it.

It was on her packing list.

4. How are the sisters alike on the first night at camp?

Each one bought a toothbrush at the store.

Each one forgot something.

Each one forgot to pack socks.

5. How does each sister help the other?

Lerato buys a toothbrush, and Thandi lends her flashlight.

Lerato shares socks, and Thandi makes a pillow from her sweatshirt.

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6. Which detail shows how quickly Thandi packed?

It took her eleven minutes.

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