Compare Characters and Settings

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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Every summer, Ji-woo flew south to visit her grandmother on Jeju Island. The flight took only an hour, but Jeju felt like another world. Grandmother's house was one story tall, with a low wall made of black volcanic rock. Tangerine trees grew in rows behind it. At night, Ji-woo could hear the wind and the waves instead of traffic.

In Seoul, Ji-woo's days followed a schedule. School started at eight-thirty. After school came piano lessons and homework. Dinner was often quick, picked up from a small shop near the station.

On Jeju, the days followed the weather. On sunny mornings, Ji-woo helped Grandmother tie up tangerine branches. On windy afternoons, they stayed inside and played cards. When it rained, they walked to the beach to watch gray waves crash on the dark rocks.

In Seoul, Ji-woo had many friends but little time with each of them. On Jeju, she knew only a few children nearby. Still, she spent whole days with them, building towers of smooth black pebbles on the shore.

At the end of each summer, Ji-woo felt two things at once. She missed her friends and her busy city. Yet she knew she would also miss the quiet wind on Jeju. "I have two homes," she told Grandmother. "One is loud, and one is calm."

1. How is Ji-woo's home in Seoul different from Grandmother's home on Jeju?

   Seoul's is a tall apartment; Jeju's is a one-story house.

   Seoul's is a one-story house; Jeju's is a tall apartment.

   Both homes are in tall apartment buildings.

2. What does Ji-woo hear at night on Jeju?

   wind and waves buses and traffic music from shops

3. How do Ji-woo's days in Seoul compare with her days on Jeju?

Days in both places follow a strict schedule.

Seoul days follow a schedule; Jeju days follow the weather.

Seoul days follow the weather; Jeju days follow a schedule.

4. What does Ji-woo do on Jeju when it rains?

She ties up tangerine branches.

She walks to the beach with Grandmother.

She plays cards inside.

5. How are Ji-woo's friendships different in the two places?

Many friends in Seoul, but more time with friends on Jeju

The same friends in both places all year

No friends in Seoul, but many friends on Jeju

6. Which detail shows how crowded the Seoul subway is?

She held her father's sleeve instead of a pole.

Dinner came from a shop near the station.

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