Evaluate Reasons and Evidence

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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My second reason is that refill stations would cut down on plastic waste. Right now, many students buy bottled water from the cafeteria. The cafeteria sells about 150 plastic bottles each week. If students could refill their own bottles easily, fewer plastic bottles would end up in the trash.

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2. Which evidence supports the reason that refill stations would help students drink more water?

   The middle school's work took only two days.

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Refill stations would help students focus.

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by describing the long line at lunch

by giving the price of each station

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that the stations cost too much

that students do not like water

that the old fountains are broken

6. Which evidence does the author use to answer that worry?

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