Evaluate Reasons and Evidence

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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First, board games help children practice important skills. In many games, players count spaces, add up points or plan several moves ahead. A teacher at Lincoln Elementary uses games in her math class. She says her students practice adding without even noticing. Games such as chess and checkers also teach children to wait their turn and to lose without getting upset.

Second, games bring families together. A survey asked 200 families in our town how they spend free evenings. Only 1 in 10 said they play games together. Yet 7 in 10 said they would like to play more often. Many said games cost too much to buy.

Third, lending games would bring new visitors to the library. The library in Oak Falls began lending games two years ago. Since then, the number of library cards there has grown by 300. Some new members come for games and then check out books as well. Librarians there say the Friday game nights now fill every table.

Some people worry that game pieces will get lost. The Oak Falls library has a simple fix. Each box has a list of its pieces taped inside the lid. A librarian counts the pieces when a game comes back. Missing pieces can be ordered for a small fee.

Board games are fun, but they are also useful. They teach skills, bring families together and draw people to the library. Most games cost $20 to $40, about the same as two new books. Our library should start a game shelf this year.

1. What is the author's main claim?

   The library should stop lending movies.

   Families should buy more board games.

   The library should lend board games.

2. Which evidence supports the reason that games bring families together?

   Each box has a list of pieces in the lid.

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3. The number of library cards in Oak Falls grew by 300. Which reason does this support?

Games help children practice skills.

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4. How does the author support the idea that games help children practice skills?

by explaining how pieces are counted

by describing a teacher who uses games in math

by giving the results of a family survey

5. What worry does the author answer in the fifth paragraph?

that children will stop reading books

that games are too noisy for a library

that game pieces will get lost

6. Why does the author compare 1 in 10 families with 7 in 10 families?

to show that board games are cheap to buy

to prove that most families dislike games

to show many families want more game time than they get

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