Narrator Point of View

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet

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The Flat Tire: Two Tellings

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1. Which event appears in both tellings?

   The car got a flat tire near Millbrook.

   A farmer sold them peaches.

   Seven trains went by.

   The spare tire was also flat.

2. How does Dad describe the two hours of waiting?

as stressful, with pacing and phone checking

as relaxing, with time to count trains

as quick, because the truck came early

as fun, because of the tow truck ride

3. How does Amira describe the same wait?

as boring, with nothing to look at

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as worrying, with Dad on the phone

as tiring, with a long walk to town

4. Why does Dad mention the cost of the garage while Amira does not?

Amira was asleep when they reached the garage.

Dad wanted to complain about Amira.

The garage was free for children.

Dad has to pay, so cost matters to him.

5. Dad says there was "nothing around but cornfields and a railroad track." How does Amira see that same place?

She agrees that the place was empty and dull.

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6. Which sentence shows that Dad blames himself for part of the problem?

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