Narrator Point of View

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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Moving Day: Two Tellings

Rohan's Telling

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Nani's Telling

Moving day went better than I hoped. Our new home is on the ninth floor, so we have a wide view of the city. The little elevator hummed us up nine floors in no time. We had lunch on the floor among the boxes, like a picnic. Rohan's room is cozy, with his bed tucked neatly between two walls. Morning sun pours through his window and bounces off the building next door. A friendly dog downstairs barked hello every time we passed. By evening, the neighbor across the hall had brought us a pot of rice and lentils. She asked Rohan's name twice so she would remember it. Rohan was quiet all day. I think he misses his old friends, and that is fair. But I saw him smile when the neighbor said his name. Tomorrow I will show him the park two blocks away, where the older boys play cricket.

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   Rohan Nani the neighbor

2. How does Rohan's description of the elevator differ from Nani's?

   Rohan says it was big; Nani says it was tiny.

   Rohan says it was fast; Nani says it was slow.

   Rohan says it groaned; Nani says it hummed.

3. Rohan says his bed "touches two walls." How does Nani describe the same thing?

   The bed is tucked neatly between two walls.

   The bed is pushed out into the hallway.

   The bed is too big for the room.

4. Why does Rohan describe the dog's barking as a problem?

Nani told him the dog was unfriendly.

The dog barked only at him.

He is unhappy about the move, so he notices bad things.

5. Which detail from Nani's telling shows Rohan was wrong that nobody knows his name?

Morning sun poured through his window.

The neighbor asked his name twice to remember it.

The dog barked hello every time they passed.

6. What is Nani's attitude toward the move?

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