Narrator Point of View

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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I knew right away who took it. Chidi is seven, and he loves whales almost as much as I do. Also, he was humming in his room with the door shut. Innocent people do not shut doors.

"Chidi took my library book," I told Mom. "He always grabs my things."

Mom raised her eyebrows. "Ifeoma, did you ask him?"

I did not need to ask. A good detective just knows. Still, I marched down the hall and knocked hard.

Chidi opened the door slowly. He was holding my book behind his back, which proved everything. Then he held it out. The torn corner of the cover was fixed with neat strips of clear tape. He had even smoothed out the bent pages. Not a single page was folded anymore.

"The cover was ripped from your backpack," he said quietly. "I didn't want you to pay a fine."

I stared at the tape. It was very straight tape, straighter than I could ever make it.

"Well," I said, "next time, tell me first."

Chidi nodded and went back to his whale drawings. I still think he is a little sneaky. But maybe sneaky is not always bad.

1. Who is telling this story?

   Ifeoma, Chidi's older sister

   Chidi, Ifeoma's little brother

   Mom, who watches both children

2. Why does Ifeoma think Chidi's shut door is proof?

Mom said Chidi was hiding something.

She has already decided he did something wrong.

Chidi told her that he had taken the book.

3. What did Ifeoma get wrong about Chidi?

He hid the book so she would get a fine.

He took the book because he loves whales.

He took the book to fix it, not to keep it.

4. Ifeoma says, "A good detective just knows." What does this show about her point of view?

She trusts her guess more than the facts.

She wants Mom to help her find clues.

She has solved many real mysteries before.

5. Which detail shows that Chidi was trying to help?

He was humming in his room.

He opened the door slowly.

He fixed the torn cover with neat tape.

6. If Chidi told this story, how would he probably describe shutting his door?

as a trick to keep the book for good

as proof that he had done something wrong

as a way to fix the book in peace

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