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Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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The Canoe Lesson

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Ayasha climbed into the front of the canoe. It rocked so hard that she grabbed both sides and squeezed her eyes shut. "I don't think canoes like me," she said.

"Canoes like everybody," said Aunt Winona. "Sit low and stay in the middle."

They pushed off. Ayasha dug her paddle deep and pulled hard, but the canoe spun in a slow circle. She tried again, faster. The canoe spun the other way. Water dripped from her paddle onto her knees. A family of ducks paddled past them in a perfect straight line.

"Even the ducks are better at this," Ayasha muttered.

Aunt Winona laughed, but it was a kind laugh. "Long, smooth strokes," she said. "Watch the shore, not your paddle."

Ayasha lifted her eyes to a tall pine on the far shore. She pulled the paddle back in a long, smooth stroke. Then another. Slowly, the front of the canoe pointed straight at the pine.

"Look at that," Aunt Winona said softly. "You're steering."

For an hour they glided along the edge of the lake. Ayasha's shoulders ached, but she didn't want to stop. When they finally reached the dock, she was the first to ask, "Can we come back tomorrow?"

Aunt Winona smiled and handed her a dry towel. "The water already said yes," she said.

1. Which quotation best supports the inference that Ayasha felt nervous at first?

   It rocked so gently that she let go of both sides and smiled.

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   Ayasha climbed into the front of the canoe.

2. Which quotation shows that Aunt Winona was not making fun of Ayasha?

   "Sit low and stay in the middle."

   Aunt Winona laughed, but it was a kind laugh.

   Aunt Winona laughed, and it was a loud laugh.

3. Which quotation shows that Ayasha enjoyed paddling even though it was hard work?

Ayasha's shoulders ached, but she didn't want to stop.

For an hour they glided along the edge of the lake.

Ayasha's shoulders ached, so she wanted to stop.

4. Which choice is an exact quotation from the story?

"Watch your paddle, not the shore."

"Watch the shore, not your paddle."

"Look at the shore, not your feet."

5. Which quotation supports the inference that Ayasha felt discouraged early in the lesson?

"Even the ducks like this," Ayasha laughed.

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"Canoes like everybody," said Aunt Winona.

6. Which quotation shows that Ayasha was learning to control the canoe?

"Look at that," Aunt Winona said softly. "You're steering."

"The water will tell you what you are doing wrong."

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