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Grade 5 Reading Worksheet

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Later, Devon found him by the lemon tree. Rafael waited for the joke. Instead, Devon kicked at the grass. "I started trumpet lessons," he said. "My mom says I sound like a goose with a cold. Could you show me how you practice?"

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   - The notes were warm and only a little scratchy.
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