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Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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"Go ahead," he said. "Pretend I'm Mr. Fischer."

Anika held up her note cards and began. "A glacier is a huge, slow-moving mass of ice that forms on land. Glaciers form where more snow falls in winter than melts in summer. Year after year, the snow piles up. The weight of the new snow presses the older snow underneath into solid ice."

She paused. "How was that?"

"Fast," Rohan said. "You sounded like an auctioneer. Nobody could follow it."

Anika frowned, but she knew he was right. She had rushed because she was nervous. She started the next card more slowly.

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"Then break it into parts," Rohan suggested. "Yah-cob-shavn. Say it twice before you go on."

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She went on. "As a glacier moves, it scrapes the ground beneath it. It carries rocks, from tiny pebbles to boulders as big as houses, and drops them far from where they started."

This time she read "builders as big as houses." She stopped and laughed. "Builders? That can't be right." She looked at the card again. "Boulders. Big rocks. That makes more sense, since the sentence is about rocks."

Rohan nodded. "See? You caught it yourself."

Her last card was the most important. "Today, many glaciers are shrinking. Glacier National Park in Montana had about 150 glaciers in 1850. Now it has fewer than 30. When glaciers melt, the water flows into rivers and oceans, which affects people, plants and animals far away."

Anika lowered her voice a little at "shrinking." She let the numbers sit for a moment before she went on. She wanted the class to notice the difference between 150 and 30.

When she finished, Rohan uncrossed his arms. "Okay," he said. "That was actually good. Not perfect, but good."

"Not perfect?" Anika asked.

"You still rushed the first card," he said. "Start slow. The first card is where your audience decides whether to listen."

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   - Rohan stopped her and told her the word.
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   - Skipping the name let her keep a quick pace.
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5. Anika 'let the numbers sit for a moment' on her last card. What did she want her listeners to understand?
   - how large the rocks in a glacier can be
   - how much the number of glaciers had dropped
   - how many years she had studied glaciers
   - how fast the glacier in Greenland moves

6. 'Although glaciers look still, they are always moving.' Which word should a reader stress to bring out the contrast?
   - Although
   - they
   - moving
   - glaciers

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