Read Grade 5 Text With Fluency

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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"Ready?" he asked.

"Ready," Ifeoma said. She took a deep breath. "Pepper, go!"

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Chidi checked the stopwatch. "Forty-one seconds. That's fast, but she missed two poles."

"I know," Ifeoma sighed. "If she misses poles tomorrow, the judges will take away points."

Chidi thought for a moment. "Maybe you're running too far ahead of her. She's watching you, not the poles."

Ifeoma tried again. This time, she walked slowly beside the poles and pointed at each one. Pepper wove in and out, in and out, all the way to the end.

"She did it!" Chidi shouted, jumping up from the steps.

Ifeoma knelt down and scratched Pepper behind the ears. "Good girl," she whispered. "That was perfect."

The next morning at the fair, the crowd was loud and the sun was bright. Pepper's ears twitched at every sound. Ifeoma felt her heart pounding, but she remembered Chidi's advice. She stayed close to the poles, and she did not rush.

When they finished, the judge held up a card. It said 38 seconds, with no missed poles.

Ifeoma did not win first place. She won third. But as she hugged Pepper, she felt as proud as any winner.

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   slowly and sadly loudly and excitedly quietly and calmly

3. How should a reader say Ifeoma's words 'Good girl'?

   softly and warmly quickly and angrily loudly and sharply

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   watching She's you

5. A reader reads 'Pepper wove in and out' as 'Pepper waved in and out.' What should the reader do?

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   Keep reading, because one small word never matters.

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