2ND GRADE READING · FICTION

The Bounce Test

Name _____ Date _____

Fiction | 158 words | Characters' actions and reasons

I read it: ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1 Amina wanted to win a ribbon at the school science fair. She had a question: which ball bounces the highest?

2 She **collected** three balls: a tennis ball, a rubber ball and a soccer ball. Her brother Musa held a meter stick against the wall. Amina dropped each ball from the same height, one at a time. Musa watched carefully and wrote down how high each ball bounced.

3 The rubber ball bounced the highest. The tennis ball came second, and the soccer ball bounced the least.

4 "Let's test it again," said Amina. "Scientists always check their **results."** They dropped each ball three more times. The rubber ball won every time.

5 At the fair, Amina showed her chart and explained her test. She did not win first place, but the judge said her test was fair because she dropped every ball from the same height. Amina was **proud.** Next year, she wants to test which paper airplane flies the farthest.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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The Bounce Test: questions

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I can find answers in the text. Look back at the story to check.

1 Circle the best answer

1. What did Amina test?

(a) how high balls bounce (b) how heavy balls are (c) how big balls are

2. Which ball bounced the highest?

(a) the soccer ball (b) the rubber ball (c) the tennis ball

3. Why did the judge say the test was fair?

(a) her brother helped (b) same height every time (c) she used big balls

2 Put the events in order. Write 1, 2, 3, 4.

- [ ] They tested every ball three more times.
- [ ] Musa held a meter stick against the wall.
- [ ] Amina collected three balls.
- [ ] Amina showed her chart at the fair.

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The Bounce Test: words and writing

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1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

collected	○	○ gathered together
results	○	○ what a test shows
proud	○	○ pleased with what you did

2 Write your answer in a full sentence.

Why did Amina test the balls more than once?

3 Draw your favorite part of the story.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Answer key: The Bounce Test

1 Circle the best answer

1. a) how high balls bounce
2. b) the rubber ball
3. b) same height every time

2 Order of events

Numbers as printed, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1, 4

1. Amina collected three balls.
2. Musa held a meter stick against the wall.
3. They tested every ball three more times.
4. Amina showed her chart at the fair.

3 Word meanings

collected: gathered together

results: what a test shows

proud: pleased with what you did

4 Written answer (sample)

To check her results and make sure they were right, the way scientists do.

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