3RD GRADE READING · FICTION

The Lemonade Stand

Name _____ Date _____

Fiction | 157 words | Characters and their choices

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

1 Zara and her little brother Omar wanted a new soccer ball. It cost twenty dollars, but their piggy bank held only six. "Let's open a lemonade stand," said Zara.

2 On Saturday morning they squeezed lemons, stirred in sugar and painted a bright sign. By ten o'clock they had sold eight cups. Then dark clouds rolled in, and rain began to pour. Everyone hurried indoors.

3 Omar's shoulders **drooped.** "Nobody wants cold lemonade in the rain," he sighed. Zara looked at their **soggy** sign and thought hard. Then she smiled. "Maybe nobody wants cold lemonade. But I bet they want something warm."

4 Mom helped them make a big pot of hot cocoa, and Zara painted a new sign: WARM COCOA FOR RAINY DAYS. Soon neighbors with umbrellas lined up at the **porch.** By evening, the piggy bank held twenty-three dollars.

5 That night, Omar tossed the new ball into the air. "You never give up," he told his sister.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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The Lemonade Stand: 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. Why did Zara and Omar open a lemonade stand?

(a) to buy a soccer ball (b) to help a neighbor (c) to win a contest

2. What problem did they have?

(a) the sign fell down (b) they ran out of lemons (c) rain kept people away

3. Which word best describes Zara?

(a) creative (b) lazy (c) shy

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

☐ Zara thought of selling hot cocoa.

☐ Omar tossed the new ball into the air.

☐ Rain began to pour.

☐ Zara and Omar painted a sign.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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The Lemonade Stand: words and writing

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

drooped	○	○ very wet
soggy	○	○ a covered space outside a front door
porch	○	○ hung down in a sad way

2 Write your answer in a full sentence.

How did Zara solve the problem? What does that tell you about her?

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3 Draw your favorite part of the story.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: The Lemonade Stand

1 Circle the best answer

1. a) to buy a soccer ball
2. c) rain kept people away
3. a) creative

2 Order of events

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

1. Zara and Omar painted a sign.
2. Rain began to pour.
3. Zara thought of selling hot cocoa.
4. Omar tossed the new ball into the air.

3 Word meanings

drooped: hung down in a sad way

soggy: very wet

porch: a covered space outside a front door

4 Written answer (sample)

She sold warm cocoa instead of cold lemonade on the rainy day. It shows she is creative and does not give up.

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