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?

3 Draw your favorite part of the story.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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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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