



Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Grade 3

Answer Key

The Mystery of the Missing Trophy

Characters: Mia, Dev, Coach Rios, Ms. Alvarez

Setting: The school trophy case, just outside the gym. The class soccer trophy is missing from its shelf. MIA and DEV stand in front of the empty case.

MIA:

It was right here yesterday! I saw it with my own eyes before practice.

DEV:

Someone must have moved it. Trophies do not just disappear.

COACH RIOS walks up, holding a clipboard.

COACH RIOS:

What's going on here? You two look like detectives on a case.

MIA:

The soccer trophy is missing, Coach Rios! We won it last month, and now the case is empty.

COACH RIOS:

Hmm. Let's think this through instead of panicking. Who was near the case yesterday afternoon?

DEV:

The janitor was cleaning the hallway around three o'clock. And the fourth graders had a assembly near here too.

MIA:

Wait, I remember something. Ms. Alvarez asked to borrow the trophy for the morning announcements yesterday. She wanted to show it on the school news broadcast!

COACH RIOS smiles and taps the clipboard.

COACH RIOS:

That's probably exactly what happened. Let's check the broadcast studio before we assume anything else.

The three of them walk to the studio. Sure enough, the trophy sits proudly on Ms. Alvarez's desk.

MS. ALVAREZ:

Oh, I am so sorry! I meant to bring it back to the case right after the broadcast, and I completely forgot.

DEV:

Mystery solved! I guess not every missing trophy is actually a big mystery.

MIA:

Next time, let's ask around before we assume the worst. That was way easier than I thought detective work would be.

Circle the Correct Answer

1. What is missing at the beginning of the play?

Answer: b) The soccer trophy

2. What does Coach Rios suggest they do first?

Answer: b) Think through who was near the case yesterday

3. Where do Mia, Dev, and Coach Rios finally find the trophy?

Answer: b) On Ms. Alvarez's desk in the broadcast studio

4. What lesson does Mia mention at the end of the play?

Answer: b) To ask around before assuming the worst

True or False

5. This story is written as a play, with characters and stage directions.

Answer: True

6. The janitor was the one who took the trophy.

Answer: False

7. Ms. Alvarez borrowed the trophy for the morning news broadcast.

Answer: True

Fill in the Blank

8. Dev says trophies do not just _____.

Answer: disappear

9. Ms. Alvarez says she completely _____ to bring the trophy back.

Answer: forgot

Think and Explain

10. This story is written as a play instead of a regular story. How can you tell what a character is doing, since a play does not describe actions the way a story usually does? Give an example from the text.

Sample answer: Accept reasonable answers noting that stage directions, the italicized lines describing setting and actions, tell the reader what characters are doing, such as 'COACH RIOS walks up, holding a clipboard' or 'The three of them walk to the studio.'