



Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Grade 5

Answer Key

The Last Day of Camp

Characters: Taylor, Riley

Setting: A dock by a lake, the final evening of summer camp. TAYLOR sits with her feet in the water. RILEY approaches, carrying two friendship bracelets.

RILEY:

I made us matching ones. Figured we should have something, since we won't be at the same school this year.

TAYLOR takes the bracelet but doesn't put it on right away, turning it over in her hands.

TAYLOR:

Thanks. It's really nice, Riley. I just... I don't know. It feels weird to be excited about a bracelet when you're moving three states away tomorrow.

RILEY:

I know. I've been trying not to think about it all week, honestly. Easier to focus on capture the flag than, you know, the actual goodbye part.

TAYLOR:

Yeah. Same. We still have three weeks of texting before school starts, though. That's something.

RILEY looks out at the water instead of at Taylor.

RILEY:

My mom said the new house doesn't even have good internet yet. She keeps saying it like it's supposed to make me feel better. It really does not make me feel better.

TAYLOR:

That's rough. I'm sorry.

A long pause. TAYLOR finally puts the bracelet on.

TAYLOR:

Can I say something that might sound kind of dumb?

RILEY:

You've never once said anything dumb to me in three summers, Taylor. Go ahead.

TAYLOR:

I think I'm mostly scared that next summer, camp is just going to feel different without you here. And I don't know what to do with that, so I've just been kind of avoiding thinking about it, like you have.

RILEY finally turns to look at Taylor directly.

RILEY:

Okay, good, it's not just me. That actually helps, weirdly. Knowing you're scared of the exact same thing.

TAYLOR:

Misery loves company, I guess. Come on, let's go watch the last campfire. We can be sad about it together instead of separately.

Circle the Correct Answer

1. What does Riley give Taylor at the beginning of the scene?

Answer: b) A matching friendship bracelet

2. Why are Taylor and Riley saying goodbye?

Answer: a) Riley is moving three states away

3. What has Riley been doing all week instead of thinking about the move?

Answer: a) Focusing on activities like capture the flag

4. What does Taylor finally admit she's scared of?

Answer: a) That next summer at camp will feel different without Riley

True or False

5. Taylor puts the bracelet on immediately without any hesitation.

Answer: False

6. Riley admits she's been avoiding thinking about the move.

Answer: True

7. By the end of the scene, Taylor and Riley decide to face the campfire, and their sadness, together.

Answer: True

Fill in the Blank

8. Riley says her mom keeps saying the new house doesn't have good _____ yet.

Answer: internet

9. Taylor says misery loves _____.

Answer: company

Think and Explain

10. Both Taylor and Riley avoid talking about their real feelings for most of the scene before finally being honest near the end. Identify one moment where a character avoids their real feelings, and one moment where they finally express them directly. What changes between those two moments?

Sample answer: Accept reasonable answers identifying an avoidance moment such as Riley focusing on capture the flag or Taylor commenting on texting instead of the goodbye itself, and a direct moment such as Taylor admitting she's scared camp will feel different, noting that the shift happens once one character takes the risk of being vulnerable first, which allows the other to respond honestly too.

11. What is the theme of this scene? Use specific dialogue as evidence to support your answer.

Sample answer: Accept reasonable answers noting themes such as the comfort of shared vulnerability, or that facing difficult feelings together is easier than facing them alone, supported by lines such as 'that actually helps, weirdly, knowing you're scared of the exact same thing' and Taylor's closing line about being sad together instead of separately.