



Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Grade 5

Name: _____

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The Map That Drew Itself

Nadia found the map tucked inside a library book about knots. It was folded into a small square, and the paper was yellowed and soft at the edges. When she opened it on her bedroom floor, she frowned. The map was completely blank.

Then, under the glow of her desk lamp, something strange happened. Thin lines of ink began to crawl across the paper, as if an invisible pen were drawing them. First came her own street. Then her house, with a tiny square for her window. A dotted path wound from her back gate into the woods behind the neighborhood and ended at a small circle. Beside the circle, three words appeared in curly letters: *Bring it back.*

Nadia barely slept. At sunrise, she pulled on her boots, slipped the map into her jacket, and followed the dotted path. The woods felt different that morning. The trees twisted upward in slow spirals, and moss along the ground glowed a soft green, even in the daylight. Every time she checked the map, the ink had already drawn the next few steps ahead of her.

The path ended at an old stone well covered in carvings of keys. Sitting on its edge was a silver fox with tired eyes. "You found it," the fox said quietly. "That map belongs to the Mapmakers. Someone stole it long ago, and without it, this forest cannot remember its own paths. The trails are fading. Soon there will be nothing left."

Nadia looked down at the map. It was the most amazing thing she had ever held. She imagined showing it to her friends, keeping it on her shelf, and watching it draw new places for the rest of her life. For a long moment, she did not move.

Then she stepped forward and dropped the map into the well. A gentle wind rushed up from the stones. Around her, the twisted trees slowly straightened, and a stream she had not noticed began to bubble over the rocks. The fox stood and bowed its head. "Most people would have kept it," it said. Then it was gone.

Nadia walked home along a path that now seemed perfectly clear. She never saw the fox again. But sometimes, late at night, when she leaves her notebook open on the desk, a tiny ink fox appears in the corner of the page, drawn by no hand at all.

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer.

1. Where did Nadia find the map?
 - a) Under her bed
 - b) Inside a library book about knots
 - c) In her backyard
 - d) At an old stone well
2. What strange thing happened when Nadia looked at the map under her desk lamp?
 - a) The map caught fire
 - b) Ink began drawing on the map by itself
 - c) The map turned into a fox
 - d) The paper became brand new
3. According to the fox, why did the forest need the map?
 - a) So it could remember its own paths
 - b) So people could find the well
 - c) So the Mapmakers could sell it
 - d) So the stream would freeze
4. What happened after Nadia dropped the map into the well?
 - a) The fox chased her home
 - b) The trees straightened and a stream began to flow
 - c) The map flew back into her hands
 - d) The woods became dark

Part B: True or False

Write T for true or F for false.

5. The map was blank when Nadia first opened it. _____
6. Nadia decided to keep the map for herself. _____
7. The fox said that most people would have kept the map. _____

Part C: Elements of Fantasy

Fantasy stories include things that could not happen in real life, such as magic, talking animals, or invented worlds.

8. List two details from the story that could **not** happen in real life.

9. List one detail from the story that **could** happen in real life.

Part D: Think and Explain

10. Nadia could have kept the magic map, but she chose to give it back. What does this choice show about her character? What lesson does the story teach?
