Reading Comprehension: The Tall Block Tower - ANSWER KEY

Grade 1 | Reading a short story and answering questions about key details and characters

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Correct answers with supporting evidence from the story.

1. What did Nora and Ben use to build?

a) Wooden blocks (Evidence: "a big box of wooden blocks")
b) Paper cups
c) Pillows
d) Books

2. How tall was the first tower before it fell?

a) As tall as Dad
b) As tall as the door
c) As tall as the kitchen chair (Evidence: "it was as tall as the kitchen chair")
d) As tall as the couch

3. What made the tower fall?

a) The dog bumped it
b) Nora kicked it
c) The wind blew it
d) Ben added a tiny red block (Evidence: "Ben reached up to add a tiny red block. The tower wobbled.")

4. What trick helped the new tower stand strong?

a) Using only red blocks
b) Making the bottom two blocks wide (Evidence: "they made the bottom two blocks wide")
c) Building on the couch
d) Using tape

5. How did Ben feel when the tower fell? How do you know? Write 1-2 sentences.

Sample answer: Ben felt sad. His lip started to shake, and Nora hugged him.