Reading Comprehension: The Cookie Bridge - ANSWER KEY

Grade 4 | Reading a story: details, inferences and theme

Correct answers with supporting evidence from the story.

1. What made Ivy and Finn's contest entry different?

a) They made a cookie house
b) They built a bridge that could hold weight (Evidence: ""A bridge that can actually hold weight."")
c) They used no icing at all
d) They entered as a whole class

2. What does Ivy mean when she says "Every mistake is data"?

a) Mistakes should be hidden
b) Mistakes mean you should quit
c) Mistakes give you information to improve (Evidence: "They studied pictures of real bridges and noticed that many used triangles.")
d) Mistakes are part of math class only

3. According to the passage, why do many bridges use triangles?

a) Triangles spread the push of a load along their sides (Evidence: "Triangles spread the push of a load along their sides instead of letting it press on one weak spot.")
b) Triangles are the easiest shape to cut
c) Triangles look nice in pictures
d) Triangles use less icing

4. Which detail shows the second bridge was much stronger than the first?

a) It was built between books
b) The judges stopped at the table
c) Finn groaned
d) It held a full jar of peanut butter (Evidence: "Finally it held a full jar of peanut butter, which weighed almost two pounds.")

5. What is a theme of this story? Use details from the text in 1-2 sentences.

Sample answer: Learning from mistakes leads to success: Ivy and Finn studied why their first bridge failed, tried triangles, and built a bridge strong enough to win a special award.