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Reading Comprehension: The Paper Boat Race

Grade 2 | Reading a short story and answering questions about details and characters

Read the story. Then answer the questions on the next page.

The Paper Boat Race

After a big rain, a little stream ran along the edge of the park. Ava and her friend Sam stood on the bridge and watched the water rush by. "Let's have a boat race!" said Ava.

They sat at a picnic table and folded boats out of old newspaper. Ava colored her boat green and named it Speedy. Sam drew stripes on his boat and called it Zoom. Ava's grandpa showed them how to fold the corners tight so the water would not leak in.

The friends carried their boats to a big rock by the stream. "Ready, set, go!" said Grandpa. They set the boats in the water at the same time. Zoom raced ahead, but then it got stuck on a stick. Speedy floated past it and spun around in a slow circle.

Sam frowned. Then he poked the stick with a long branch, and Zoom floated free. Both boats bumped into the bridge at almost the same moment. "It's a tie!" Grandpa laughed. Sam and Ava cheered and ran back to fold two more boats.

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Circle the best answer. Look back at the story to find proof.

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a) Old newspaper
b) Pieces of wood
c) Plastic cups
d) Leaves

2. Who showed the friends how to fold the corners tight?

a) Sam
b) Ava's mom
c) Ava's grandpa
d) A park helper

3. What happened to Zoom during the race?

a) It sank
b) It turned green
c) It flew away
d) It got stuck on a stick

4. How did Sam get his boat moving again?

a) He blew on it
b) He poked the stick with a long branch
c) He picked it up
d) He waited for more rain

5. How did Sam feel when the race ended? How do you know? Write 1-2 sentences.

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Correct answers with supporting evidence from the story.

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Sample answer: Sam felt happy. He cheered and ran back to fold two more boats.