Grade 4 Theme 4 Story 2
“The Case of Pablo’s Nose”

LA.A.1.2.3 Vocabulary pg. 427

1. Read this sentence from the story.

   He paused for a strengthening breath of air.

   What does the word *strengthening* mean in this sentence?

   A. weaker  
      (incorrect meaning)
   B. happier  
      (incorrect meaning)
   C. stronger  
      (correct answer)
   D. healthier  
      (incorrect meaning)

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2. What happens AFTER Pablo ground down the stone and mixed it with glue, but BEFORE he left it on the lawn to dry?

   A. He noticed a girl biking away from the house.  
      (event out of order)
   B. He went to the store to buy supplies.  
      (plausible but incorrect)
   C. The mayor made an important announcement.  
      (detail not significant)
   D. He shaped the mixture into a copy of the wax model.  
      (correct answer)
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LA.A.2.2.2 Author’s Purpose pg. 424-430

3. Why did the author write the story “The Case of Pablo’s Nose”? 
   
   A. To explain to the readers how to repair a statue. 
      (facts or details that do not represent the author’s purpose) 
   B. To entertain readers with an interesting mystery. 
      (correct answer) 
   C. To persuade readers to always tell the truth. 
      (incorrect interpretation) 
   D. To teach readers how to be good detectives. 
      (incorrect interpretation)

LA.E.2.2.1 Cause and Effect pg. 430

4. Why did Encyclopedia say Desmoana was guilty? 
   
   A. The tires were too full for a bike that hadn’t been ridden for a year. 
      (correct answer) 
   B. Encyclopedia found Pablo’s nose in Sally’s house. 
      (incorrect cause) 
   C. Sally admitted that she had stolen Pablo’s nose. 
      (incorrect cause) 
   D. Sally was unable to ride a two-wheeler bike. 
      (incorrect cause)
LA.E.1.2.2 Plot Development pg. 427

5. What is the FIRST event in the story that suggests that Desmoana is guilty?

A. Desmoana rode her bike in a circle no-handed.  
   (plausible but incorrect)
B. Sally announced that there were three people that had purple bikes.  
   (correct answer)
C. Joan Brand had gone off to Camp Winiwanteroe in North Carolina a week ago.  
   (plausible but incorrect)
D. Pablo saw a girl in a blue sweatshirt holding something in her hand and riding a purple bike.  
   (plausible but incorrect)