

**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)

**LA.A.2.2.1 Main Idea pg. 427**

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)

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**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 Winiwantoe 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)