# 3rd grade story comprehension worksheet

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For grown-ups: 10 questions from our 3rd grade story comprehension practice, easier ones first. Read a question aloud if your child wants that, then check together with the answer key on page 3. Read each passage before the questions that go with it. Circle the letter of the best answer, or the right word where there are no letters. Number the steps 1, 2, 3 in the order they happen.

## The Lost Library Book

Maya loved the library more than any place in town. Every Saturday she carried home a stack of books so tall she had to peek around it to see the sidewalk.

One Friday night, Maya could not find her book about sea turtles. It was due the next morning. She looked under her bed. She looked in her backpack. She even looked in the refrigerator, just in case.

"Did you check the car?" asked her brother Leo.

Maya ran outside. There, under the back seat, was the book. A corner of the cover was bent, but it was safe.

On Saturday, Maya told the librarian what had happened. Ms. Ortiz smiled. "Bent corners mean a book was loved," she said. Maya felt her worry melt away. She picked out a new stack and headed home, this time holding her books with both hands.

1. **What was Maya looking for?**

   **A.** Her backpack
   **B.** A book about sea turtles
   **C.** Her brother Leo
   **D.** A library card

2. **Where did Maya find the book?**

   **A.** In the refrigerator
   **B.** Under her bed
   **C.** At the library
   **D.** Under the back seat of the car

3. **How did Maya feel after talking to Ms. Ortiz?**

   **A.** Angry **B.** Relieved **C.** Confused **D.** Bored

4. **Why did Maya hold her books with both hands at the end?**

   **A.** Leo told her to
   **B.** She wanted to take better care of them
   **C.** The books were very heavy
   **D.** Her hands were cold

5. **How does Amara feel?**

   > Amara read the invitation twice. A sleepover! At Zoe's house! She hugged the card to her chest and spun around the kitchen.

   **A.** Nervous **B.** Tired **C.** Thrilled **D.** Disappointed

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6. **True or false: The story takes place in winter.**

> Sofia pulled her scarf tighter and watched her breath make little clouds. The pond had frozen solid overnight.

○ **True** ○ **False**

7. **Order the events of Priya's baking story from first to last.**

- [ ] The cake comes out lopsided
- [ ] Priya decides to bake a birthday cake for her mom
- [ ] Priya hides the lopsided side with extra frosting
- [ ] Mom says it is the best cake she has ever had
- [ ] Priya mixes the batter and puts it in the oven

## The Night the Lights Went Out

The storm knocked out the power just as Sofia finished her homework. The house went dark and silent. No hum from the refrigerator. No glow from the TV.

"Everybody to the kitchen," called Dad. He lit two candles and set them on the table.

Sofia's older brother Mateo groaned. "What are we supposed to do now?"

Dad pulled a dusty box from the top of the closet. Inside was a board game with wooden pieces and a map of a make-believe kingdom. "Your grandmother and I played this every winter," he said.

At first Mateo rolled his eyes. But by the third round, he was leaning over the board, plotting his next move. Sofia laughed so hard she snorted.

When the lights flickered back on at nine o'clock, nobody got up to turn on the TV. Sofia reached over and blew out the candles anyway.

8. **What caused the lights to go out?**

**A.** The TV broke
**B.** A storm
**C.** Mateo turned them off
**D.** Dad lit candles

9. **How did Mateo feel about the game at first?**

**A.** Scared of it **B.** Not interested **C.** Very excited **D.** Proud

10. **Why did Sofia blow out the candles even though the lights were back on?**

**A.** She was afraid of fire
**B.** The candles were almost gone
**C.** She wanted to keep the cozy game night going
**D.** Dad told her to

# Answer key: 3rd grade story comprehension

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1. **B. A book about sea turtles**
   The story says Maya could not find her book about sea turtles.
2. **D. Under the back seat of the car**
   Leo asked about the car, and Maya found the book under the back seat.
3. **B. Relieved**
   Her worry "melted away," which means she felt relieved.
4. **B. She wanted to take better care of them**
   After almost losing a book, Maya wanted to be more careful with her books.
5. **C. Thrilled**
   Hugging the card and spinning around shows Amara is thrilled.
6. **True**
   A scarf, visible breath, and a frozen pond are clues that it is winter.
7. **Top to bottom: 3, 1, 4, 5, 2**
   Priya decides, bakes, sees the problem, fixes it with frosting, and then Mom loves it.
8. **B. A storm**
   The first sentence says the storm knocked out the power.
9. **B. Not interested**
   He groaned and rolled his eyes, showing he was not interested.
10. **C. She wanted to keep the cozy game night going**
    Nobody wanted the TV back; the family was enjoying the dark, cozy evening.