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Maya's Science Fair Surprise

Grades 3-4

Fiction

- 1 Maya had worked on her science fair project for a month. She wanted to find out which kind of paper towel soaked up the most water. She tested five brands and wrote every result in her notebook.
- 2 The night before the fair, Maya glued her charts onto a big poster board. She was proud of her bar graph, which she had colored carefully with markers.
- 3 In the morning, disaster struck. Her little brother, Leo, had knocked over his juice. A purple puddle covered half of her poster, and the graph was ruined.
- 4 Maya wanted to cry. Instead, she took a deep breath and grabbed her notebook. All of her results were still there, safe and dry.
- 5 She quickly drew a new graph on a clean sheet of paper. Then she had an idea. She taped a piece of each paper towel under the graph and added a note: "Real-life test: my brother's juice!"
- 6 At the fair, the judges laughed at her note and asked lots of questions. Maya explained every step. When the awards were announced, she won second place, and Leo cheered the loudest.

Draw your favorite part of the story.

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Read the passage again if you need to. Circle the best answer.

1. What was Maya testing?

- ☐ (a) Which plant grows fastest
- ☐ (c) Which juice tastes best

- ☐ (b) Which paper towel soaks up the most water
- ☐ (d) Which marker lasts longest

2. What ruined Maya's poster?

- ☐ (a) Rain
- ☐ (c) Spilled juice

- ☐ (b) Her dog
- ☐ (d) A broken marker

3. Why were Maya's results safe?

- ☐ (a) She wrote them in her notebook
- ☐ (c) She remembered them

- ☐ (b) Her teacher had a copy
- ☐ (d) They were on the computer

4. Which word best describes Maya?

- ☐ (a) Careless
- ☐ (c) Calm and creative

- ☐ (b) Lazy
- ☐ (d) Shy

5. How did Maya turn a problem into a good idea?

Reading Comprehension: Answer Key

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1. b) Which paper towel soaks up the most water
2. c) Spilled juice
3. a) She wrote them in her notebook
4. c) Calm and creative
5. Sample answer: She used the juice spill as a real-life test and added paper towel samples and a funny note, which the judges liked.