Amanda's Big News

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Read the passage **twice**: once to enjoy it, and once to look for details. Then answer the questions. Look back at the text to **prove** your answers.

Tip: Underline the sentence in the passage that helps you answer each question.

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Amanda had a secret, and it was the biggest secret of her whole life. At breakfast, Mom and Dad had told her that a new baby was coming in the spring. "Can I tell everyone?" Amanda asked. Mom smiled. "You can share it at school on Friday."

Friday felt a hundred years away. On Tuesday, Amanda almost told her best friend Rosa at recess. She pressed her lips together so hard that Rosa asked if she had a toothache. On Wednesday, she drew a tiny crib in the corner of her math sheet and then quickly coloured over it.

By Thursday night, Amanda could hardly sleep. She practised what she would say in front of her bedroom mirror. She even made a poster with a stork carrying a bundle across the sky.

At last, it was Friday. When Ms. Lin called her name for sharing time, Amanda walked to the front of the room and held up her poster. "I'm going to be a big sister!" she announced.

The class cheered. Rosa clapped the loudest of all. "So that's why you looked so funny all week!" she laughed. Amanda grinned. Keeping a secret had been hard, but sharing it was the best feeling in the world.

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Circle the best answer.

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(c) She was moving away.

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(c) At recess on Tuesday

3. Why did Rosa ask if Amanda had a toothache?

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(b) Amanda was crying.
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2. Write your answer

Answer in complete sentences. Use details from the text.

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Answer Key

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Sample answers. Students' wording will vary.

1. **How did Amanda feel during the week? Use a detail from the story.**
   Amanda felt excited and impatient. She could hardly sleep on Thursday night and almost told Rosa at recess.
2. **Why did Amanda colour over the crib on her math sheet?**
   She did not want anyone to see it and guess her secret before Friday.
3. **How did Amanda feel at the end of the story? How do you know?**
   She felt happy and proud. The story says she grinned and that sharing the secret was the best feeling in the world.