Anna's Basketball Adventure

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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Anna loved basketball more than anything. Every day after school, she bounced her ball on the driveway and shot at the hoop above the garage door. Some days she made ten baskets in a row. Some days she made none.

When the Tigers team needed one more player, Coach Davis picked Anna. Her first game was on Saturday. The gym was loud with cheering parents, and Anna's heart thumped like a drum.

Near the end of the game, the score was tied. A player bumped Anna's arm, and the referee blew the whistle. Anna got two free throws. She took a deep breath, aimed and threw. The ball bounced off the rim. Her second shot missed too. The other team won by one point.

Anna felt terrible. "I let everyone down," she told her dad. "Everybody misses sometimes," Dad said. "What matters is what you do next."

So Anna practised. Every day she shot fifty free throws, even when it was cold and windy. Slowly, more and more shots swished through the net.

Two weeks later, Anna was at the free-throw line again. She took a deep breath, remembered her practice and threw. Swish! Then another. Swish! Her teammates cheered, and Anna smiled the biggest smile of the season.

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Circle the best answer.

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(a) At the park
(b) On the driveway
(c) In her bedroom

2. What happened at Anna's first game?

(a) She scored the winning basket.
(b) She missed both free throws.
(c) She did not play.

3. How many free throws did Anna practise each day?

(a) Ten
(b) Fifty
(c) Two

4. What lesson does the story teach?

(a) Practice helps you improve.
(b) Basketball is easy.
(c) Never play sports.

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.

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   She felt terrible and told her dad, "I let everyone down."
2. **What did Dad mean when he said, "What matters is what you do next"?**
   He meant that making a mistake is okay, and the important thing is to keep trying and get better.
3. **What word describes Anna? Explain using the story.**
   Anna is determined. She practised fifty free throws every day, even when it was cold and windy.