Nora's New Neighbour

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **character trait** describes what a character is like **inside**: kind, brave, shy, honest, curious. Authors show traits through what characters **say** and **do**.

Trait + proof: Nora is generous because she shared her cookies.

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When a moving truck stopped next door, Nora pressed her nose to the window. A boy about her age climbed out, holding a fishbowl very carefully. He looked at the new house and then down at his shoes.

"He looks lonely," Nora told her mom. "Can we bring him something?" They baked a plate of oatmeal cookies, and Nora carried it next door.

The boy's name was Felix. He spoke so quietly that Nora had to lean in to hear him. "Thank you," he whispered, and he hid half behind the door.

Over the next week, Nora invited Felix to ride bikes, play catch and build a fort. Every time, he said no. Nora didn't give up. "Maybe he likes different things," she thought.

One afternoon, she saw Felix in his yard, looking closely at a beetle through a magnifying glass. Nora knelt beside him. "What kind is it?" she asked. Felix's face lit up. He told her all about beetles for twenty minutes without stopping.

The next day, Felix knocked on Nora's door. He was holding two magnifying glasses. "Do you want to go on a bug hunt?" he asked, a little louder this time. Nora grinned. "I thought you'd never ask."

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Circle the best answer.

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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. **Name one trait of Felix and give proof from the story.**
   Felix is curious. He looked at a beetle through a magnifying glass and talked about beetles for twenty minutes.
2. **How does Felix change from the beginning to the end?**
   At first he is shy and hides behind the door. At the end he knocks on Nora's door and invites her on a bug hunt.
3. **What trait helped Nora become Felix's friend? Explain.**
   She was thoughtful. She noticed he liked bugs and showed interest in what he liked.