Five W Questions

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Good readers ask the **5 W questions**: **Who** is it about? **What** happened? **When** did it happen? **Where** did it happen? **Why** did it happen?

Clue words: Who → a person or animal · When → a time or day · Where → a place · Why → a reason (because …)

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LOST KITTEN FOUND IN TOWN LIBRARY

On Tuesday morning, librarian Grace Kim heard a tiny meow coming from the shelf of animal books at the Oakdale Public Library. When she looked behind the books, she found a small grey kitten curled up and fast asleep.

The kitten had been missing since Saturday. It belonged to the Patel family, who live across the street from the library. Eight-year-old Ravi Patel had made posters and hung them all over town.

Ms. Kim thinks the kitten slipped inside on Monday afternoon, when the library doors were propped open to let in fresh air. "It must have been looking for a warm, quiet place to sleep," she said. "And what better place than the library?"

Ravi was overjoyed to get his kitten back. He has named her Bookworm.

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1. Check your understanding

Circle the best answer.

1. WHO found the kitten?

(a) Ravi Patel
(b) Librarian Grace Kim
(c) A police officer

2. WHEN was the kitten found?

(a) On Saturday
(b) On Monday afternoon
(c) On Tuesday morning

3. WHERE was the kitten found?

(a) Behind the animal books in the library
(b) Under a car
(c) In the Patels' garden

4. WHY did the kitten get inside the library?

(a) Someone carried it in.
(b) The doors were propped open for fresh air.
(c) It came through a window.

2. Write your answer

Answer in complete sentences. Use details from the text.

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2. **Why do you think Ravi named the kitten Bookworm?**

Answer Key

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Sample answers. Students' wording will vary.

1. **WHAT happened in this article? Answer in one or two sentences.**
   A lost kitten was found asleep behind the animal books at the library and returned to its owner, Ravi.
2. **Why do you think Ravi named the kitten Bookworm?**
   Because the kitten was found in the library among the books, and a bookworm is someone who loves books.