Little Red Cape

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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Once upon a time, a girl named Rosie lived at the edge of a forest. She always wore a bright red cape, so everyone called her Little Red Cape.

One morning, her mother packed a basket of muffins for Grandma, who had a cold. "Stay on the path," Mother said. "And don't talk to strangers."

Halfway through the forest, a wolf stepped out from behind an oak tree. "Good morning," he said with a toothy smile. "Where are you going with that delicious basket?"

Rosie remembered the old story her grandmother used to tell, about a girl who trusted a wolf. She narrowed her eyes. "I'm visiting a friend," she said. "She lives in the cave by the river. She has a very large pet bear."

The wolf's ears drooped. "A bear?" he gulped. "Well, I suddenly remembered I'm late for, um, something." He hurried off in the other direction.

Rosie smiled and kept walking along the path until she reached Grandma's cottage. She told Grandma the whole story while they shared warm muffins and tea.

Grandma laughed until she coughed. "You listened to my old story after all," she said proudly. "That's the smartest thing anyone has done in this forest for a hundred years."

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Circle the best answer.

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(a) It was Grandma's birthday.
(b) Grandma had a cold.
(c) Grandma was hungry.

3. What did Rosie tell the wolf?

(a) The truth about Grandma
(b) That her friend had a large pet bear
(c) That she was lost

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(b) careless
(c) mean

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 Rosie know not to trust the wolf?**
   She remembered an old story her grandmother told about a girl who trusted a wolf.
2. **How is this story different from the fairy tale Little Red Riding Hood?**
   In the fairy tale, the girl trusts the wolf. In this story, Rosie tricks the wolf, and he runs away.
3. **Why do you think Grandma was proud of Rosie?**
   Rosie listened to her story, followed her mother's advice and used her brain to stay safe.