READING • YEAR 3

Fiction Text with Context Clues

Read the story, spot the clues and complete the gaps.



Name _____ **Date** _____

! Read the whole story first. Then write one word on each numbered line. Use the clues around the gap to help you. Reread each sentence to check that your word makes sense.

THE LIGHTHOUSE PUPPY

At the end of Willow Lane, a small (1) _____ stood beside the sea. Its tall lamp shone out into the darkness, helping ships steer clear of the rocks.

One blustery evening, Nia and her grandad heard a faint (2) _____ coming from the beach. It sounded like a tiny, worried cry. Near a rock, they found a puppy. One paw was (3) _____; the puppy could not put it on the ground and yelped whenever it tried.

Grandad spoke in a (4) _____ voice and moved slowly, so the frightened puppy would not run away. Nia wrapped it in a (5) _____ blanket. It was knitted from soft wool, which kept the shivering pup warm. They carried it to the vet's (6) _____, where a vet was still working. The animal doctor checked the paw and put on a little bandage.

By morning, the puppy felt (7) _____ again. It bounded round the garden instead of lying still. Then a girl hurried through the gate. She had searched everywhere for her missing dog. As soon as it heard her voice, its tail began to (8) _____ from side to side.

Nia and Grandad smiled as the girl hugged her pet. It had been a frightening night, but now the puppy was safe. The worry was over, so everyone felt (9) _____ and smiled.

CLUE SPOTTER

Choose one gap. Which words in the story helped you work out your word? Copy the clue here:

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