YEAR 5 · READING

Missing Words Story Comprehension

Name: _____ Date: _____

Your task: Choose the best word from the word bank for each numbered gap. Use each word once. Read the whole story before you begin.

Word bank

grateful	**narrow**	**finally**	**open**
carefully	**grey**	**promise**	**rescue**
noticed	**sensible**	**proudly**	**soaked**

The Garden Before the Storm

The clouds above Bramble Primary were 1 _____. Maya hurried towards the school garden, where the open day would begin at noon. At the gate, she 2 _____ that one of the greenhouse doors had blown 3 _____. Inside, a tray of tiny seedlings had tipped over. Rain had 4 _____ the labels, and loose compost covered the path.

“First, let’s move the plants somewhere dry,” said Maya. Her friend Leo nodded. They lifted each pot 5 _____ and placed it on a bench. A strong wind rattled the roof. Through a 6 _____ gap in the fence, Maya could see the stream rising after last night’s rain. It was moving fast.

“We should tell Mr Patel before we go near the path,” Leo said. That was a 7 _____ idea. They found the caretaker and explained what they had seen. Mr Patel closed the gate and called the council. Then he helped the children 8 _____ the seedling tray from a puddle. Together, they carried it to the library porch.

Soon the rain eased. The garden was muddy, but the seedlings were safe. Maya and Leo made a 9 _____ to check the greenhouse latch every afternoon. When families arrived, the children explained how they had protected the plants. The visitors were 10 _____ and donated spare pots. By lunchtime, the sun had 11 _____ appeared, shining on the wet leaves. Maya stood beside the rescued seedlings and smiled 12 _____.