CLOZE READING · YEAR 7

Fiction Story Gap Fill Worksheet

Read the story carefully and use the clues around each gap.

Name _____ **Date** _____

01 Word bank

Choose from these words. Use each word once.

echoed	**narrow**	**grateful**	**gust**
signal	**gloomy**	**cautiously**	**relieved**
vanished	**flickering**	**hurried**	**stranded**

02 Read the story

Write the best word from the bank in each numbered gap.

By the time the final bell rang, clouds had covered the sky and it looked _____[1]. Maya _____[2] towards the harbour, hoping to reach home before the rain. A sudden _____[3] swept her red scarf from her shoulder. It _____[4] around a corner, and Maya chased it down a _____[5] lane beside the fish market.

A whimper came from an old boathouse. Maya stepped _____[6] inside. A puppy was _____[7] on a low shelf, its paws trembling as rainwater crept under the door. Above it, a small lamp was _____[8] in the draught.

Maya needed to call for help. Beside the door hung a brass bell. She rang it hard, and its clear note _____[9] across the harbour. The bell was her _____[10] for help; she hoped the lighthouse keeper would hear. Soon, footsteps hurried over the stones. The keeper lifted the puppy to safety and wrapped it in a dry towel. Maya felt _____[11] as it wagged its tail and licked her fingers. Walking home, she was _____[12] that a small act of bravery had made a difference.

03 Reading check

Why did Maya ring the brass bell? Use a detail from the story in your answer.

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Final check: read your completed story once more.