

READING DETECTIVES

Grade 4 | Paper 2 | Realistic Fiction

The Mystery of the Missing Project

On Monday morning, Maya hurried into her classroom. Her group was going to present a model bridge at the school science fair. However, when she opened the cupboard, the bridge was gone!

"Where could it be?" Maya whispered nervously. Her friend Adam noticed some tiny pieces of blue paper on the floor. They looked just like the paper the group had used to decorate their bridge.

The two friends followed the pieces down the hallway. Near the library, they saw Mr. Samir, the school cleaner, carrying a large cardboard box.

"Excuse me, have you seen our bridge?" Maya asked politely.

Mr. Samir smiled. "I found it beside the classroom door yesterday. I thought someone had left it there by mistake, so I moved it to the storage room to keep it safe."

Maya sighed with relief. She suddenly remembered that her group had left the bridge outside the classroom while cleaning their desks.

"Thank you for keeping it safe!" Adam said.

The students collected their bridge and arrived at the science fair just in time. Maya learned that staying calm and asking questions could help solve a problem.

Read carefully. Then choose the best answer for each question.

1. Why was Maya excited on Monday morning?

- A) She was visiting the library.
- B) Her group was presenting a science project.
- C) She was preparing for a spelling competition.
- D) She was meeting a new teacher.

2. What was the main problem in the story?

- A) The science fair was cancelled.
- B) Adam forgot his homework.
- C) The group's bridge was missing.
- D) Maya lost her science book.

3. What does "nervously" mean in the story?

- A) In a worried way
- B) In a cheerful way
- C) In an angry way
- D) In a careless way

4. Why did Mr. Samir move the bridge to the storage room?

- A) He wanted to use it himself.
- B) He was repairing the bridge.
- C) He wanted to show it to another class.
- D) He thought it was left behind and wanted to protect it.

5. Which word BEST describes Adam?

- A) Careless
- B) Helpful
- C) Selfish
- D) Impatient

6. What helped Maya and Adam find their missing project?

- A) They followed the blue paper pieces.
- B) They checked their homework notebooks.
- C) They waited until the science fair ended.
- D) They asked the principal to build another bridge.

7. What happened immediately after Maya and Adam followed the blue paper pieces down the hallway?

- A) They presented their bridge.
- B) They cleaned their classroom.
- C) They saw Mr. Samir carrying a box.
- D) They found the bridge in the cupboard.

8. What can the reader conclude when Maya remembers leaving the bridge outside?

- A) She realizes how the misunderstanding happened.
- B) She decides not to join the science fair.
- C) She believes Adam damaged the bridge.
- D) She discovers the bridge was stolen.

9. What is the main idea of the story?

- A) Science fairs are difficult to organize.
- B) School projects should be kept in cupboards.
- C) Working alone is better than working with friends.
- D) Staying calm and investigating can help solve problems.

10. Which lesson did Maya learn?

- A) It is better to avoid difficult situations.
- B) Staying calm and asking questions can solve problems.
- C) Friends should never share their projects.
- D) Students should stop participating in science fairs.