DoodleBeez Worksheets

Grade 4 | Reading

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The Chess Champion: Comprehension

Fiction story · about 200 words

Read the story. Then answer each question. Circle the best answer or write your answer on the lines.

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"I don't," Grandpa said. "But I think about what I would do if I were you. Then I plan three moves ahead."

Mia started practicing. She read a chess book from the library. She played games online against the computer. Before each move, she asked herself, "What would Grandpa do if he were me?" She lost a lot, but she noticed she was losing more slowly.

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Grandpa leaned back and burst into a huge grin. "Three years," he said. "I've been waiting three years for this day." Then he set up the pieces again. "Best two out of three?"

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   C. a girl practices and finally beats her grandpa at chess D. a grandpa teaches a chess class

2. **Detail:** How old was Mia when Grandpa taught her chess?

   A. seven B. five C. ten D. twelve

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   D. Think about what the other player would do and plan three moves ahead.

4. **Detail:** How did Mia practice?

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5. **Sequence:** What happened right after Mia's knight threatened the king and queen?

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6. **Inference:** How did Grandpa feel about losing? Use a detail.

ANSWER KEY

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