Fiction

Level 3 · Year 2 · Grade 2

Ruby's Big Idea



The school library had a problem. Many of the books were old and falling apart, and some had pages missing. Ms Okafor, the librarian, sighed as she held up a book with no cover. "We need new books," she said, "but we don't have enough money."

Ruby thought about it all the way home. Then she looked at the lemon tree in her yard. Its branches were so heavy with fruit that they nearly touched the ground.

"Mom," she said, "can I make lemonade and sell it to raise money for the library?"

On Saturday, Ruby and her mom squeezed twenty lemons. They mixed the juice with water and a little sugar. Ruby painted a sign that said "Lemonade for Library Books".

At first, nobody stopped. Ruby's shoulders drooped. Then her neighbor, Mr Chen, bought two cups and told everyone at the park. Soon there was a long line of people waiting.

By the end of the day, the jug was empty and the money tin was full. On Monday, Ruby gave the tin to Ms Okafor. The librarian smiled so widely that Ruby thought her face might crack.

Questions: Ruby's Big Idea

Name _____ Date _____

1 **What was wrong with the library books? Write one thing.** Find it 1b

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2 **Who is Ms Okafor? Tick one.** Find it 1b

☐ Ruby's mom ☐ the librarian ☐ Ruby's neighbor

3 **"Ruby's shoulders drooped." This tells you Ruby felt... Tick one.** Think it 1d

☐ disappointed ☐ excited ☐ angry

4 **Number the events 1 to 4 to show the order they happened.** In order 1c

☐ Mr Chen bought two cups.

☐ Ruby looked at the lemon tree.

☐ Ruby gave the tin to Ms Okafor.

☐ Ruby and her mom squeezed twenty lemons.

5 **Find and copy the word that tells you there was no lemonade left.** Word meaning 1a

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6 **How did Mr Chen help Ruby?** Find it 1b

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7 **What do you think Ms Okafor will do with the money?** What next? 1e

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Draw your favourite part of the story.

Answers: Ruby's Big Idea

Accept answers in the child's own words that show the same understanding.

1 **What was wrong with the library books? Write one thing.** Find it 1b

They were old and falling apart, or some had pages missing.

In the text: "Many of the books were old and falling apart, and some had pages missing."

2 **Who is Ms Okafor? Tick one.** Find it 1b

☐ Ruby's mom ☑ the librarian ☐ Ruby's neighbor

In the text: "Ms Okafor, the librarian"

3 **"Ruby's shoulders drooped." This tells you Ruby felt... Tick one.** Think it 1d

☑ disappointed ☐ excited ☐ angry

In the text: "At first, nobody stopped. Ruby's shoulders drooped."

4 **Number the events 1 to 4 to show the order they happened.** In order 1c

3 Mr Chen bought two cups.

1 Ruby looked at the lemon tree.

4 Ruby gave the tin to Ms Okafor.

2 Ruby and her mom squeezed twenty lemons.

In the text: "she looked at the lemon tree", then "Ruby and her mom squeezed twenty lemons", then "Mr Chen, bought two cups", then "Ruby gave the tin to Ms Okafor"

5 **Find and copy the word that tells you there was no lemonade left.** Word meaning 1a

empty

In the text: "the jug was empty"

6 **How did Mr Chen help Ruby?** Find it 1b

He bought two cups and told everyone at the park.

In the text: "Mr Chen, bought two cups and told everyone at the park."

7 **What do you think Ms Okafor will do with the money?** What next? 1e

Possible answer: Buy new books for the school library.

In the text: "'We need new books,' she said, 'but we don't have enough money.'"