Because Sentences: Read the Clues

Adult guide: check the reason against the words of the story.

Page 1: the paper bridge

Why did the paper bend?

The paper was too weak to hold the car.

The passage states that the paper was too weak to hold the car. Accept the same reason in the child's own words. "The car was heavy" alone adds a comparison the text does not make.

Asha added card because she wanted a stronger bridge.

Page 2: the helpful ruler

Nia used a ruler because the crayon was too far away to reach by hand.

A possible feeling, supported by a clue

Ben might feel pleased because he smiles when his crayon is returned.

There is no single correct feeling. Accept pleased, happy, grateful, relieved or another reasonable feeling supported by a story clue. Smiling supports pleasure; thanking Nia supports gratitude. Do not require the example wording, and do not accept an invented event as evidence.

Teaching note: because introduces the reason. In these joins, remove the first full stop, use a lower-case letter after because and keep the final full stop. Spoken answers or adult scribing are welcome; read unfamiliar words together.