

Making Inferences

Grade 3 • ELA • Making inferences from short passages • Standards: RL.3.1

Read each short passage carefully. Then answer the inference question by choosing the best answer.

1. Maya put on her raincoat and grabbed her umbrella before going outside. What is the weather most likely like?

- A) Sunny and hot
- B) Rainy
- C) Snowy
- D) Windy but clear

2. Ben's stomach growled loudly during class. He kept looking at the clock and thinking about lunch. How is Ben most likely feeling?

- A) Tired
- B) Excited
- C) Hungry
- D) Scared

3. Sara walked into the kitchen and saw flour on the counter, a mixing bowl, and chocolate chips. Her mom was wearing an apron. What is Sara's mom probably doing?

- A) Painting a picture
- B) Baking cookies
- C) Cleaning the house
- D) Writing a letter

4. Tom heard a loud crash from his sister's room. Then he heard her say, 'Oh no!' in a worried voice. What most likely happened?

- A) His sister won a prize
- B) His sister finished her homework
- C) His sister broke something

D) His sister found a lost toy

5. Emma packed her bathing suit, a towel, and sunscreen in her bag. She put on her sandals and left with her family. Where is Emma most likely going?

A) To the library

B) To a swimming pool or beach

C) To a movie theater

D) To school

6. Jake practiced his speech in front of the mirror three times. He kept fixing his collar and taking deep breaths. How is Jake most likely feeling about his speech?

A) Bored

B) Confident and relaxed

C) Nervous

D) Angry

7. Lily looked out the window and saw her neighbors carrying boxes into a big truck. The house next door had a 'For Sale' sign in the yard. What is most likely happening?

A) The neighbors are having a garage sale

B) The neighbors are moving away

C) The neighbors are redecorating their home

D) The neighbors are starting a business

8. Marcus woke up to find white flakes falling outside his window. The ground was covered in white, and his dad was shoveling the driveway. Marcus grabbed his warmest coat and gloves. Based on these clues, what season is it most likely?

A) Spring

B) Summer

C) Fall

D) Winter

Answer Key — Making Inferences

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1. B (*Maya's raincoat and umbrella suggest she is preparing for rain.*)
2. C (*A growling stomach and thinking about lunch indicate Ben is hungry.*)
3. B (*The ingredients and apron suggest baking, and chocolate chips indicate cookies.*)
4. C (*A loud crash followed by 'Oh no!' suggests something broke.*)
5. B (*A bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen are items needed for swimming.*)
6. C (*Repeated practice, fixing his appearance, and deep breaths suggest Jake is nervous.*)
7. B (*Boxes being loaded into a truck combined with a 'For Sale' sign indicates moving.*)
8. D (*White flakes (snow), shoveling, and warm clothing all indicate winter.*)