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Choose the Best Inference



Directions: Read each passage. Circle the best inference. Then underline the sentence or detail in the passage that best supports your answer.

5. At the end of lunch, Maya taped a sign outside the office that read, 'Student Council meeting moved to Room 12.' A few minutes later, she carried a stack of poster paper and a box of markers down the hall. When Leo asked why the meeting place changed, Maya said, 'The principal needs the conference room right away.' Several students hurried to Room 12 before the bell rang.

What is the best inference?

- A. The principal canceled student council for the day.
- B. Student council will still meet, but it was moved because the original room is needed for something else.
- C. Maya enjoys making signs during lunch.
- D. Several students forgot when the meeting was scheduled.

6. The community theater was supposed to begin at 6:30, but people in the lobby kept glancing at the stage curtain. Volunteers carried extra towels toward the backstage door while someone mopped near the entrance. An announcer thanked the audience for being patient and said the show would start a little later than planned. Soon after, actors in damp costumes hurried past, laughing as they checked their props.

What is the best inference?

- A. The audience arrived much too early for the show.
- B. The actors had forgotten their props and needed more time.
- C. The performance was canceled because the stage was unsafe.
- D. A wet mess likely caused a short delay, but the show was still expected to begin.

7. After recess, Jordan looked under the benches and beside the coat hooks. 'My backpack was right here before gym,' he said. His math folder was still on the desk, but his lunch box was missing too. Mrs. Kim noticed a small note on the counter from the office that said, 'Blue backpack brought to lost and found by cafeteria helper.' Jordan smiled and headed for the hallway near the cafeteria.

What is the best inference?

- A. Jordan still had his backpack at his desk.
- B. Mrs. Kim packed Jordan's lunch for him.
- C. Jordan's backpack was probably found by someone and turned in to the lost and found.
- D. Jordan had already gone home for the day.

8. On Saturday morning, neighbors stopped along Pine Street to study pictures clipped to a long fence. Beside each picture sat a card with the artist's first name and age. A jar labeled 'Vote for the People's Favorite' rested on a small table. Mr. Alvarez used clothespins to hang one more drawing while two children carefully smoothed wrinkled entry forms. By noon, more families were walking over with sketches in flat folders.

What is the best inference?

- A. Pine Street will be closed because of road repairs.
- B. Mr. Alvarez is taking down decorations after a parade.
- C. The neighborhood is hosting an art show or contest where people can display artwork and vote.
- D. Every picture on the fence was made by adults.

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