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Conclusion – a reasonable guess about ideas that are not stated in the text.

Generalization – a conclusion that is true most of the time, but not always.

What you've read +
What you already
know (your schema) =
**the decision you come
to when you put these
two together**

What you've read +
what you already
know = a **general
statement** about
something

Drawing Conclusions

DIRECTIONS: Look at the picture. Read the sentence. Draw conclusions from the picture, then circle YES or NO.



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| 1. It is a school day. | YES | NO |
| 2. The boy is interested in the book. | YES | NO |
| 3. It is winter. | YES | NO |
| 4. The boy is bored. | YES | NO |
| 5. The boy is distracted. | YES | NO |
| 6. The boy enjoys school. | YES | NO |
| 7. The boy wishes he was somewhere else. | YES | NO |

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CLUES	FACTS I KNOW	MY CONCLUSION
Rachel grabbed a banana, opened the refrigerator, and pulled out the milk. She spun around to get a plastic cup out of the drawer, and the refrigerator began to beep – she had left the door open. Outside, a car horn blared. Imitated, she shoved the refrigerator door closed, opened the milk container, and began to pour the milk. The plastic cup tipped over, and milk ran all over the counter. Outside, the car horn blared again, more insistently. What is wrong with Rachel?		
Ann sniffled, coughed, then sneezed, but she pulled her jeans on and grabbed a sweater. Her head felt like it weighed a million pounds, but Bingo danced around excitedly at her feet, whining. Ann shoved some tissues in her pocket. She wished she had a fenced-in yard. She wished she didn't live alone. What is going on?		



Name _____

Generalizations with General Jacobs

Signal Words to Valid Generalizations

some
most
might

sometimes
often
probably
typically

many
rarely
few

Signal Words to Faulty Generalizations

everyone
nobody

all
none

always
never

Part 1. Directions: Read each sentence. Is it a generalization? Write YES or NO on the line following the statement. Underline signal words that are used.

1. Most kids prefer fruits to vegetables. _____
2. Like humans, whales are mammals. _____
3. My sister and I are taller than the other girls in our classes. _____
4. Some people are afraid of clowns. _____
5. The students at our school are typically polite and respectful. _____

Part 2. Directions: Read each sentence(s). Is the generalization valid or faulty? Write VALID or FAULTY on the line following the statement. Underline signal words that are used.

6. Many boys play soccer during recess. _____
7. All boys love to play soccer. _____