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An **inference** is a conclusion you draw based on evidence in a reading passage. Read each paragraph and answer the inference question that follows.

**Maggie was getting ready to walk to school.**

**She put on her coat and grabbed her backpack. As she was leaving, her mother said, "I love you. Be careful."**

You can **infer** that...

- a. Maggie is in kindergarten or first grade.
- b. Maggie lives close to school.
- c. Maggie is never late for school.
- d. Maggie is excited about going to school.

**Nicole came out of the elevator in her apartment building. She ran to the curb and held up her arm to hail a taxi. When she hopped in, she said, "Please take me to 345 45th Street."**

You can **infer** that...

- a. Nicole's car is broken.
- b. Nicole is going on vacation.
- c. Nicole is going shopping.
- d. Nicole lives in a large city.

**Everett held his father's hand as he crossed the busy parking lot. They walked into a grocery store. Everett's dad lifted him into the seat of the shopping cart. "Here," said dad, "You can hold my shopping list."**

You can **infer** that...

- a. Everett had never been to a grocery store.
- b. Everett's dad does not shop often.
- c. Everett's dad needs help with the shopping.
- d. Everett is very young.

**Hudson hurried out of the house so he wasn't late for work. He wore overalls and carried a toolbox with wrenches in it. He hopped in his truck and drove off. The sign on his truck said, "Pipe Masters."**

You can **infer** that...

- a. Hudson is an auto mechanic.
- b. Hudson enjoys his job.
- c. Hudson works as a plumber.
- d. Hudson is a truck salesman.