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Identifying Text Evidence

Directions: Read each short story then check the box in front of the statement that is text evidence to answer the question.



The Dull Pencil

The buzzing and grinding noises had stopped and were replaced by a high-pitched whirl. Zach removed his pencil and closely inspected the tip. It still wasn't sharp enough. Zach pushed the pencil back into the sharpener. The high-pitched noise returned. Zach **withdrew** the pencil and took another look at the tip. It was just as dull as before.

1. Which statement could be text evidence to infer that he was using an electric pencil sharpener?
 - a. ☐ "the buzzing and grinding noises had stopped and were replaced by a high-pitched whirl."
 - b. ☐ "it still wasn't sharp enough."
 - c. ☐ "It was just as dull as before."



Mr. Wilson's Phone

Mr. Wilson flipped open his phone to check the time. The nearby children on the playground snickered the way many often did when they saw his phone. One of the students who was less inclined than the others to exercise restraint asked, "Why do you still have a phone like that?" Managing to keep a straight face, and without missing a beat, Mr. Wilson **replied**, "If my mom sees me with a smart phone, she'll think that I can afford to move out or start paying rent."

2. Which statement could be text evidence to conclude that Mr. Wilson still lives with his mother?
 - a. ☐ "Mr. Wilson flipped open his phone to check the time."
 - b. ☐ "Why do you still have a phone like that?"
 - c. ☐ "If my mom sees me with a smart phone, she'll think that I can afford to move out or start paying rent."



Hangry Jack

It was the fifth day of their family vacation. Jack was out of sorts. Riding in the car had grown irritating. He stared out the window. Even seeing mountains and deer wasn't fun anymore. Jack's mother saw him grimace. "You seem hangry," she said, handing him a granola bar.

3. Which statement could be text evidence to conclude that Jack was not in a good mood?
 - a. ☐ "It was the fifth day of their family vacation."
 - b. ☐ "Jack's mother saw him grimace."
 - c. ☐ "He stared out the window."



Snow at Last!

Shelby had been waiting and waiting for snow. Finally, one night in early December, it came. She woke up to find a blanket of snow on the ground. Shelby rushed outside to build a snowman. She had just finished it, when her dad insisted that it was time to leave for school. All day, Shelby couldn't wait to get home to see her snowy friend. But at the end of the day when she walked outside, the sun was shining, and the air was warm. Almost all the snow had melted. When she got home – *Oh, no!* The snowman was just a puddle.

4. Which statement could be text evidence to infer that Shelby was upset that the snow had melted?
 - a. ☐ "Shelby had been waiting and waiting for snow."
 - b. ☐ "Shelby rushed outside to build a snowman."
 - c. ☐ "When she got home – *Oh, no!*"