

Inference Worksheet 1

Read each passage and then respond to the questions. Each question will ask you to make a logical inference based on textual details. Choose the correct answer.

Every day after work Paul took his muddy boots off on the steps of the front porch. Alice would have a fit if the boots made it so far as the welcome mat. He then took off his dusty overalls and threw them into a plastic garbage bag; Alice left a new garbage bag tied to the porch railing for him every morning. On his way in the house, he dropped the garbage bag off at the washing machine and went straight up the stairs to the shower as he was instructed. He would eat dinner with her after he was “presentable,” as Alice had often said.

1. Where does Paul mostly work?

- In a cemetery
- In a grocery store
- In a car dealership
- In an office building

2. Which activity would Alice find the most uncomfortable?

- Walking around a museum
- Going to demolition derby
- Reading in a library
- Sitting in a church

3. Which most likely describes Paul and Alice's relationship?

- They are brother and sister
- They are best friends
- They are mother and son
- They are husband and wife

Crack! Thunder struck and rain poured. Max stared blankly out the window, trying to contain his emotions that raged like the weather. He was beginning to lose it. Dropping the kite from his hand, Max broke out into full sobs. His mother comforted him, “There, there, Max. We’ll just find something else to do.” She began to unpack the picnic basket that was on the counter and offered him a sandwich. Max snapped, “I don’t wanna sand-mich!” A flash from the sky lit up the living room. *Boom!* Mom sighed.

4. Which best explains why Max is upset?

- He really hates sandwiches
- He can’t get any TV channels because of the storm
- He is afraid of the thunder
- The weather interrupted his plans

5. Which most likely describes what mom was planning on doing today?

- Mom wanted to chase storms to get footage for her Youtube channel
- Mom wanted to have a picnic lunch at the park
- Mom wanted to fight with her son about lunch
- Mom wanted to stay home and play board games

“Tommy!” Mom called out as she walked in the front door. “Tommy,” she continued shouting, “I sure could use some help with these groceries. There was still no reply. Mom walked into the kitchen to put the grocery bags down on the counter when she noticed shattered glass from the picture window all over the living room floor and a baseball not far from there. “I’m going to kill you, Tommy!” Mom yelled to herself as she realized that Tommy’s shoes were gone.

6. Which most likely explains how the window broke?

- A burglar broke in while Tommy left the home was unattended
- Tommy broke the window with his shoes
- Tommy broke the window playing baseball
- Mom broke the window with the grocery bags

7. Which most likely explains why Tommy left?

- The burglar kidnapped Tommy
- He ran to the store to get a new window
- He feared his mom’s reaction to the broken window
- He didn’t know that he broke the window and continued playing