

Worksheet: Understanding Relationships Through Inference

R&W 2 – UNIT 5 - Focus on Marital Relationships and Emotional Attitudes

Instructions: Read each short story carefully. Then answer the question by choosing the option that best describes how one character feels about another. Use context clues and inferences.

◆ Story 1: The Long-Distance Couple

Lena and Amir have been married for five years. He works abroad for months at a time, and they mostly communicate through short voice messages and weekend video calls. Lena tries to stay cheerful, sending him updates about the house and their dog, but her tone is often flat. When Amir asks if she misses him, she replies, “Of course,” but quickly changes the subject. She never complains, but she’s recently started going out more with friends and postpones his calls when she’s busy.

? How does Lena feel about Amir?

- A) Loyal
- B) Insecure
- C) Warm
- D) Sadly accepts it will end

◆ Story 2: The Newlyweds

Eli and Carmen just got married three months ago. Carmen constantly texts Eli sweet messages, and he replies with emojis and short answers. She plans their weekends, chooses their home décor, and often speaks for both of them. At a dinner party, when Carmen boasted, “We love spicy food,” Eli raised an eyebrow and said nothing. Later that night, he scrolled through his phone as she talked about her Pinterest board.

? How does Eli feel about Carmen?

- A) Playful
- B) Conflicted
- C) Secure
- D) Committed

◆ Story 3: The Second Marriage

Marco, in his late fifties, remarried after a difficult divorce. His new wife, Ana, is younger and full of energy. She loves organizing trips and surprises. Marco often smiles at her enthusiasm but grows quiet during long conversations about their future. When Ana booked a skydiving trip for their anniversary, Marco said, “I admire your spirit, but I miss quiet weekends.” Ana laughed and kissed him on the cheek, saying, “You’ll get used to it.”

? How does Marco feel about Ana?

- A) Disrespectful
- B) Jealous
- C) Tired
- D) Conflicted

◆ Story 4: The Childhood Sweethearts

Grace and Noah met in school and have been together for over twenty years. They finish each other’s sentences, laugh at private jokes, and hold hands during movies. Recently, Grace was offered a job in another city. Noah encouraged her to take it, saying, “We’ll figure it out. We always do.” At the airport, they hugged for a long time. “I’m proud of you,” he whispered.

? How does Noah feel about Grace?

- A) Insecure
- B) Romantic
- C) Bored
- D) Wants it to be permanent