

Passages for “making inferences” for whole group practice or small group/partner/triad practice:

For years Bob had worked at the horse stable near his farm. He loved grooming, feeding, and exercising the horses. He had dreamed of owning his own horse some day. His favorite horse was a brown roan named “Jewel”. Jewel was going to foal any day now. Bob was saving every penny he could to try to buy Jewel’s foal. His birthday was two days away and he hoped he would get money for a gift from his parents and grandparents.

On Wednesday after school Bob rushed to the stable. Standing on wobbly legs was a newborn pony. It was beautiful! The pony had brown and white spots and huge brown eyes. Bob hated to leave the pony but he had to rush home for his birthday celebration. After supper, Bob’s mother brought in his cake. He quickly blew out his candles and made a wish. Then Bob opened his gift from his parents. It was money and a bridle!

Name at least two things you can infer:

What were the clues in the text?

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Kate had recently opened her own restaurant. Her restaurant served various types of pasta. Her specialties were lasagna and cannelloni. At first business was very slow at Kate’s restaurant despite her advertising efforts. Kate decided to use a customer satisfaction survey. After several weeks, Kate looked at the surveys. Customers seemed very satisfied with the quality of the food, but a number of people commented that the prices were steep for the size of the food servings. After reading the surveys Kate decided to create some new advertisements for the radio and the newspaper.

What can you infer about the new advertisements and the changes Kate will make in her restaurant?

What were the clues in the text?

Jim stomped through the front door after school and tossed his book bag on the floor. He ran up the stairs to his bedroom and slammed his bedroom door. Jim flung himself on the bed and put his pillow over his head. He was never going to talk to Pete again!

What do you know?

What clues do you have?

What can you infer about Jim?

Mary and Beth were excited about Saturday. They had planned a picnic in the park. They would ride their bicycles to the park, play for a while, go fishing, and eat the sack lunches they brought. They were also looking forward to walking around the lake and feeding the ducks at the park. On Saturday morning, Mary hopped out of bed and looked out her window. Her shoulders slumped and she frowned.

What do you know?

What clues do you have?

What can you infer?

One Friday night Ben planned to go to a movie with Jane and Bob.

It was the newest action movie and he had wanted to see it for several weeks. Friday afternoon Ben went to the store. He picked out a candy bar and realized he didn't have any money with him. He stuck the candy bar in his pocket, turned to leave the store and was stopped by the store manager. "Let's go call your parents, young man," said the manager.

What do you know?

What clues do you have?

What can you infer?

Mrs. Green just finished college. She applied for a job at the school in town to be a first grade teacher. She had wanted to be a teacher since she was a little girl. She had heard that the school was looking for someone who had experience as a teacher so when she got a call from the principal to come in for an interview, she was happy and excited! On the day of the interview, Mrs. Green went to the school and saw four other people there. They were also at the school for interviews. All of them were older than she was and looked very confident. Mrs. Green's heart "sunk".

What do you know?

What clues do you have?

What can you infer?