

Making Inferences from Text

Name: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: Read the passage carefully. Answer the questions by making inferences based on the clues in the text. Remember, an inference is a conclusion you reach by using evidence from the text and your own knowledge.

Sarah glanced at the clock for the fifth time in as many minutes. Her bag sat packed by the door, and she'd triple-checked that her passport was tucked safely in the front pocket. Through the window, she could see her neighbour, Mrs Chen, waving from her garden. Sarah had given her the spare key yesterday, along with detailed instructions about watering the plants and feeding Whiskers.

The sound of a car horn made her jump. She grabbed her bag, took one last look around the flat, and locked the door behind her. As she slid into the back seat, the driver asked, "International terminal?" Sarah nodded, her stomach fluttering with a mixture of nervousness and excitement.

She pulled out her phone and scrolled through the photos she'd saved: golden beaches, ancient temples, and bustling night markets. In just twelve hours, she'd be seeing them for real.

1. Where is Sarah going?

2. What clues in the text helped you make this inference?

3. How long will Sarah likely be away? What evidence supports your answer?

4. What is Whiskers? How do you know?

5. Is this Sarah's first time travelling abroad? Explain your reasoning.

6. How is Sarah feeling about her trip? Quote two pieces of evidence from the text.

7. Why do you think Sarah gave Mrs Chen a spare key instead of just asking her to water the plants?
