

Making Inferences from Text

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

Passage 1

Maya glanced at the clock for the fifth time in ten minutes. Her bag sat packed by the door, and she'd already triple-checked that her passport was in the front pocket. Outside, the sky was beginning to lighten, though the street lamps were still glowing. She heard a car engine in the distance and rushed to the window, only to slump back disappointed when it drove past.

1. Where is Maya most likely going?

2. What textual evidence supports your inference?

3. How is Maya feeling? What clues tell you this?

Passage 2

Tom pulled the collar of his jacket higher and quickened his pace. The street was nearly empty now, and the shops had all closed their metal shutters hours ago. A newspaper skittered across the footpath, caught by a sudden gust of wind. He could see his breath forming small clouds in the air. Somewhere in the distance, a church bell chimed midnight.

4. What time of year is it likely to be? Explain your reasoning.

5. Why might Tom be walking quickly?

Passage 3

Sarah's fingers moved across the keys without hesitation, barely looking down. The audience sat in complete silence, leaning forward in their seats. Her teacher watched from the wings, a proud smile crossing her face as Sarah navigated the difficult passage they'd practised for months. As the final note rang out, there was a moment of perfect stillness before the applause erupted.

6. What instrument is Sarah most likely playing?

7. What can you infer about Sarah's skill level? Support your answer.

8. What type of event is Sarah participating in?
