

Turner almost wished that he hadn't listened to the radio. He went to the closet and grabbed his umbrella. He would feel silly carrying it to the bus stop on such a sunny morning.

1. Which probably happened?

- a. Turner realized that he had an unnatural fear of falling radio parts.
- b. Turner had promised himself to do something silly that morning.
- c. Turner had heard a weather forecast that predicted rain.
- d. Turner planned to trade his umbrella for a bus ride.

"Larry, as your boss, I must say it's been very interesting working with you," Miss Valdez said. "However, it seems that our company's needs and your performance style are not well matched. Therefore, it makes me very sad to have to ask you to resign your position effective today."

2. What was Miss Valdez telling Larry?

- a. She would feel really bad if he decided to quit.
- b. He was being fired.
- c. He was getting a raise in pay.
- d. She really enjoyed having him in the office.

No, Honey, I don't want you to spend a lot of money on my birthday present. Just having you for a husband is the only gift I need. In fact, I'll just drive my old rusty bucket of bolts down to the mall and buy myself a little present. And if the poor old car doesn't break down, I'll be back soon.

3. What is the message?

- a. I don't want a gift.
- b. Buy me a new car.
- c. The mall is fun.
- d. I'll carry a bucket for you.

Bill and Jessica were almost done taking turns choosing the players for their teams. It was Jessica's turn to choose, and only Kurt was left.

Jessica said, "Kurt."

4. We can infer that _____

- a. Kurt is not a very good player.
- b. Jessica was pleased to have Kurt on her team.
- c. Kurt was the best player on either team.
- d. Jessica was inconsiderate of Kurt's feelings.

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Pen Pals

Mike hoped to get another letter from his friend Danny. Mike met Danny at a hockey tournament in Canada. Danny promised to send Mike pictures of his friends. It is fun to have a friend from another country. Mike wondered what Danny did in the summer. Did he play street hockey too? Mike hoped to see his friend again next season.

You know the boys are about the same age because

- a. they met at a hockey tournament
- b. went to the same school
- c. are on the same team
- d. like to play hockey

Mike probably lives in

- a. Mexico
- b. United States
- c. Africa
- d. Australia

What word tells you that Mike had gotten other letters from Danny?

third like another send

Where do you think Mike and Danny might see each other again?

- a. Top of Form
- b. at the mall
- c. at school
- d. at the next practice
- e. at another hockey tournament

If Mike doesn't get a letter from Danny, he will probably feel

nervous scared excited disappointed

What do you think Mike does in the summer?

go camping go to summer school go to the beach play street hockey

The shelves were piled high with boxes of every size and shape. Each group had a different picture and different bright colors.

There were so many people – men and women, mothers with little children, teenagers putting more boxes on the shelves. Some of the people were talking together as they chose the boxes and cans that they wanted.

Jeff was having a hard time remembering which one to buy. He knew that Tooli wouldn't be happy if he brought home the wrong brand! He also knew that Tooli was probably getting very hungry!

Where was Jeff?

- A. Jeff was at school in his son's classroom.
- B. Jeff was at the zoo watching the animals eat their lunch.
- C. Jeff was buying jewelry.
- D. Jeff was at the grocery store.



How do you know?



Jeff filled up a big bowl with fresh, cold water and set it on the floor. He brought out a big comforter and put it on the floor next to the low window. He opened a package, took out a big bone and placed it on the floor next to the comforter. Then he opened the window so that the gentle breeze could blow into the room.



What was Jeff doing?

- A. He was getting ready for a camping trip.
- B. He was cleaning out the closet.
- C. He was getting things ready for his dog.
- D. He was trying to cool off the room.



How do you know?



Justin grabbed the leash and quickly put it around Tooli's neck. He stormed out the door with Tooli coming right behind.

He said, "Hurry up, Tooli. You're always so slow." Justin kept his head down and walked quickly down the road, not speaking to anyone that he saw.



What was true about Justin?

- A. He was very worried that someone might see him.
- B. He was angry that he had to walk the dog.
- C. He was feeling sick and wanted to lie down.
- D. He was very excited and wanted to hurry.



How do you know?

Inferences: How?

Read the paragraph and answer the questions.

1. The garage was a mess! Papers were scattered all over the floor. The dog food container was flipped over. Dog food was spread in the corner. Our bikes were gone. A container of water had spilled. The car door was scratched. We could not believe someone had done this to us.

How did the mess happen?

How would you feel if this happened to you?

2. Andrew sat in the chair. The dentist looked in his mouth with a small mirror. With a sharp pointed tool, he picked at places around Andrew's teeth. Finally, the dentist spoke, and told the boy his teeth had cavities.

How did Andrew get cavities in his teeth?

- a. All of these.
- b. He ate too much candy.
- c. He did not floss his teeth.
- d. He did not brush his teeth well.

Do you think Andrew will change the way he cares for his teeth?

It is a special day for Beth. She has invited her best friends to come for the day. They will have pizza and a pretty cake. They will take turns trying to hit the piñata. Then Beth will open gifts.

What day is Beth celebrating?

- a. Easter
- b. Her birthday
- c. Christmas
- d. Fourth of July

When you have a party like this, what food do you like to have?

Janice looked down at her blue dress. It was like something a princess might have. She and the others stood in the chapel foyer. They listened to the music. Then she heard their cue. Holding her flowers, she walked down the aisle.

What is going on?

- a. Funeral
- b. Dance
- c. Wedding
- d. Party

What part was Janice playing?

- a. Bridesmaid
 - b. Minister
 - c. Bride
 - d. Flower girl
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Sam lay half in his dog house. He lifted his nose and sniffed the still air. The sky was changing from deep blue to yellow. Down the street a rooster crowed. Sam yawned, got up, and stretched his long, black legs.

When is this happening?

- a. Sunset
- b. Dawn
- c. Noon
- d. During the night

Where does this story take place?

- a. Country
- b. City
- c. Village
- d. Town

Carol had a snow day from school. Mom helped her put on her jacket, boots, and hat. They went outside and made a snowman. Then they took a ride on the sled.

When do you think this is happening?

- a. fall
- b. spring
- c. winter
- d. summer

It was dark. Jack and his mom had taken a long walk near their house. They had gone with some friends. They used a flashlight to see the path and had a lot of fun. They roasted marshmallows when they got home.

When did this story take place?

- a. in the afternoon
- b. at lunch
- c. in the morning
- d. at night

What might Jack be able to see if he looked at the sky?

- a. a tiny bird
- b. his mom
- c. stars
- d. sun