

Making Inferences

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Period _____

Date _____

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 - Rubin is looking for his homework.
 - Rubin is looking for his iPod.
 - Rubin often gets in trouble.
 - Someone has stolen Rubin's iPod.
- "You don't know what you're missing," Jimesha shouted into the phone over the loud music of the party. "Nah, I'm too tired," Amber said. "Well, suit yourself, but you'll be sorry," Jimesha replied.
 - Jimesha wants Amber to come out.
 - Jimesha is coming to Amber's house.
 - Amber is sorry she didn't listen to Jimesha.
 - Amber hasn't been sleeping very well.
- Tre heard footsteps. Someone was following him. The hair on the back of his neck stood on end. He began to quicken his pace, hoping that whoever was behind him wouldn't notice, but at last he gave in to a run.
 - Tre is late for an appointment.
 - Tre is afraid.
 - Tre is very fast.
 - Tre is running to the police station.
- Tyler slammed down the phone. Why did Daniel always have to have things his way? Why didn't he ever listen?
 - Tyler regrets speaking so rudely.
 - Daniel is always right.
 - Daniel asked if Tyler wanted to come over.
 - Tyler and Daniel had an argument.
- By the time Rajah arrived at the restaurant, Andrew was sipping on his third soft drink. "I'm so sorry," she called out when she saw him, pointing to her bare wrist where her watch used to be.
 - Andrew is patient.
 - Rajah is late.
 - Andrew drinks fast.
 - Rajah wants Andrew to loan her his watch.
- "I left my gym clothes in mom's car," explained Mykayla. The coach shook his head, pointed to the bleachers, and walked away without a word.
 - Mykayla has forgotten her gym clothes before.
 - Mykayla hates to dress out for gym.
 - The coach does not like Mykayla.
 - The coach is getting Mykayla's gym clothes.
- The noisy classroom fell silent as soon as Mrs. Barker stepped through the door. The students shuffled nervously, their eyes darting back and forth from the broom in Gabriel's hand to the broken light fixture swinging overhead.
 - Mrs. Barker is about to give the students a test.
 - Gabriel is cleaning the classroom.
 - Gabriel broke the light with the broom.
 - Mrs. Barker is really a witch.
- Dalton twisted the handlebars from side to side, trying to keep the bicycle upright. His feet pumped the pedals, and as the bike picked up speed he found he could steer it much more easily. "Look, I'm doing it!" he shouted.
 - Dalton just learned to ride a bike.
 - Dalton got a job delivering papers.
 - Dalton just got a new bike.
 - Dalton is very clumsy.

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ANSWER KEY (Multiple Choice)

1. b
2. a
3. b
4. d
5. b
6. a
7. c
8. a

ANSWER KEY (Short response)

Answers may vary somewhat but should resemble the multiple choice responses listed above.