

Inference Practice

Name: _____

Directions: Read the following passages. Answer the questions that follow.

1. Today was a special day in Ms. Smith's class. Some of the children were walking around the room, some of them were standing in small groups, and some of them were at their desks, putting finishing touches on cardboard mailboxes. After coloring a cool flame on the side of his racecar mailbox, Johnny hopped out of his chair, strutted over to Veronica's desk, and dropped a small, white envelope into her princess castle mailbox. Veronica blushed and played with her hair. While this was happening, Bartleby was frantically trying to put a small, white envelope into everyone's mailbox. After giving one to Ms. Smith, Bartleby pulled out a medium-sized, red envelope from his pocket. He blushed and tried to put it in Veronica's mailbox, but it wouldn't quite fit. Bartleby struggled with it for a few seconds and then ran off with the envelope. Veronica rolled her eyes and popped her gum.

Why is today a special day? _____

What in the text supports this idea?

Which boy does Veronica like? _____

What in the text supports this idea?

Why did Bartleby run? _____

What in the text supports this idea?

2. As the teacher brought the class back from the washroom, he noticed that Alvin and Elijah were not present. He asked the class, "Has anyone seen Alvin or Elijah?" Most of the students confirmed that they had not seen them, except for Rodney, who remained silent while anxiously tapping his foot on the floor. The teacher noticed this: "Rodney, do you happen to know where your friends Alvin and Elijah went?" Rodney looked away and said smugly, "Nah, I haven't seen them." The teacher notified the office of the missing students. An announcement was made over the PA system, and a few minutes later, Alvin and Elijah returned to class. Both of them were very sweaty, and Elijah was wearing his gym sneakers. "Sorry we took so long. We had to use the bathroom," said Elijah. "Yeah," chimed in Alvin, "it took longer than we thought."

What were Alvin and Elijah doing while they were gone? _____

What in the text supports this idea?

Why was Rodney acting so strangely? _____

What in the text supports this idea?

Will the teacher believe Alvin and Elijah's story? _____

What in the text supports this idea?

3. Mr. Ericson was a manager at a small insurance company in Minnesota. On cold day in January, Francine McKenzie, one of his employees, approached him about some time off from work. "This job is very important to me, Mr. Ericson, but I've been called into jury duty. When my government asks for my help, I have to answer the call." Mr. Ericson rubbed his forehead. "We really need you here, Francine, but the government needs you more. Take the time. We'll be alright." Mr. Ericson thought that they needed her there, but they managed fine without her. A week passed, and Francine returned to the office. When Francine returned, Mr. Ericson noticed that most of her body was a shade of bright red, except for around her eyes. Pale, white circles ran from the top of her eyebrows to the top of her cheeks. These pale circles around her eyes were surrounded by sunburned flesh. That's when Mr. Ericson knew. "Francine, step into my office. There are some things we need to discuss," Mr. Ericson said ominously.

Where was Francine? _____

What in the text supports this idea?

What does Mr. Ericson want to talk about with Francine? _____

What in the text supports this idea?

Why does Francine have white circles around her eyes? _____

What in the text supports this idea?