

The Secret Clue Quiz: Mastering Inference!

Learning objective: To use clues from a text to infer meanings and feelings that are not explicitly stated.

Read the short stories and use your detective skills to find the hidden meanings. Choose the best answer or write a short response!

1. B | 2. False | 3. Rain/Storm | 4. A | 5. Tired | 6. True | 7. Cake/Baking | 8. C | 9. Nervous | 10. True

1. Pip the caterpillar walked into the library. He was shivering, his green skin was damp, and he was carrying a tiny leaf to shield his head. What was the weather like? A) Sunny * B) Raining * C) Snowy D) Windy (1 mark)

2. Max the monkey looked at the maths puzzle. He scratched his head, frowned deeply, and sighed loudly. True or False: Max finds the puzzle very easy. (1 mark)

3. Nova the owl looked out of her window. The sky had turned a bruised purple colour, the wind was howling, and the trees were bending low. What is about to happen? (1 mark)

4. Leo the lion walked onto the stage. He gripped the microphone tightly, his paws were shaking, and he kept swallowing hard. How is Leo feeling? A) Bored B) Angry * C) Nervous * D) Sleepy (1 mark)

5. After the long hike up the mountain, Ellie the elephant slumped onto the grass and closed her eyes. In one word, how does Ellie feel? (1 mark)

6. Zara the zebra arrived at the party. She saw balloons, colourful streamers, and a giant table full of treats. True or False: Zara is at a celebration. (1 mark)

7. Kit the fox entered the kitchen. He smelled something sweet and buttery, and there was flour dusted all over the counter. What has been happening in the kitchen? (1 mark)

8. Finn the dolphin swam quickly toward the surface. He saw a large shadow moving beneath the water and darted away into a coral reef. Why did Finn swim away? A) He was playing a game B) He was hungry C) He was frightened * D) He wanted to sleep (1 mark)

9. Rosa the parrot stood in front of the mirror. She adjusted her feathers ten times and kept checking if her beak was clean. In one word, how does Rosa feel about her appearance? (1 mark)

10. Bea the honeybee flew to a flower. She noticed the petals were brown and drooping, and the soil was cracked and dry. True or False: The plant needs water. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar with his leaf umbrella in the rain! _____



Extension challenge: Write two sentences about a character who is feeling very happy, but do not use the word 'happy'. Use clues to show the reader how they feel!