Clues Beyond Words

Use text details to infer feelings, motives, and a lesson.

3.P.EICC.3.f "Make, track, and support inferences about different levels of meaning within the text. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that help you infer how Nia feels near the beginning. Circle two details that help you infer why she gives Mr. Chen lemonade.

A Rainy Lemonade Stand

1. On Saturday, Nia carried her red wagon to the park. She planned to sell cups of lemonade near the soccer field. Dark clouds rolled over the trees, and the first drops tapped the wagon. Nia looked at her paper sign, then at the empty path. She folded the sign slowly and sat on the curb.

2. Mr. Chen, the park worker, pushed a cart past Nia. He stopped when he saw the wet sign. Without speaking, he opened the small shed beside the field. Soon, he returned with a dry table and a wide blue umbrella. He pointed to the covered picnic area, where families waited for the rain to pass.

3. Nia set up under the roof, even though no one had asked her to move. She placed a cup on the table for Mr. Chen and wrote, "First cup is free for helpers," on a new sign. By noon, the clouds had thinned. As families bought lemonade, Nia smiled each time Mr. Chen passed the picnic area.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What can you infer about Nia's feelings when she folds her sign and sits on the curb? Use a detail from the text.

2. What can you infer about Mr. Chen? Use two actions from the text to support your answer.

3. Why does Nia offer Mr. Chen a free cup of lemonade? What does this show about her?

4. What lesson about helping others can you infer from the story? Support your answer with two details.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose an action or detail from the passage that you did not use in your answers above. Write one sentence with an inference and one sentence with two details that support it.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two details that help you infer how Nia feels near the beginning. Circle two details that help you infer why she gives Mr. Chen lemonade. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What can you infer about Nia's feelings when she folds her sign and sits on the curb? Use a detail from the text.	**Nia feels disappointed because rain has started and the path is empty.**
2	What can you infer about Mr. Chen? Use two actions from the text to support your answer.	**Mr. Chen is helpful and kind. He brings Nia a dry table and a blue umbrella, then shows her the covered picnic area.**
3	Why does Nia offer Mr. Chen a free cup of lemonade? What does this show about her?	**She wants to thank him for helping her. This shows that she is grateful.**
4	What lesson about helping others can you infer from the story? Support your answer with two details.	**A small helpful act can improve someone's hard day. Mr. Chen gives Nia a table and umbrella, and Nia is able to sell lemonade when families arrive.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I infer that Nia is ready to keep trying after the rain begins. She sets up under the roof and makes a new sign.

Accept reasonable inferences that are supported by accurate details from the passage. Students may state feelings, character traits, motives, or a lesson in different words.