Hidden or Heard

Sort meanings that are stated from meanings you must infer.

10.RL.2 "Craft and Style Explain the overall structure of a poem, including how each successive part builds on earlier sections and how rhyme, rhythm, sound, and imagery convey a message and elicit a reader's emotions..."

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DIRECT MEANING	IMPLIED MEANING
The text tells you the idea or feeling in clear words. You do not need to infer it from clues. The narrator says, "I regret hiding the truth."	The text gives clues, but it does not say the full idea directly. You infer the meaning from details, tone, or context. When the team loses, Priya says, "I just love watching our lead disappear."

1 SORT

8 items

Circle STATED or IMPLIED for each excerpt, then in Part 2 choose two items and explain which words state or suggest the meaning.

1.	"I will leave this city tomorrow, though I fear the change."	STATED IMPLIED
2.	After the fire alarm interrupts the test, Malik says, "Perfect timing."	STATED IMPLIED
3.	The lone porch light burned until dawn after the farewell train left.	STATED IMPLIED
4.	After the storm, the narrator says, "I am relieved that everyone is safe."	STATED IMPLIED
5.	"I envy my sister's freedom," the speaker admits.	STATED IMPLIED
6.	For the third week, the mailbox held only ads while Elena watched the road.	STATED IMPLIED
7.	The speaker declares, "I refuse to surrender my dream."	STATED IMPLIED
8.	When the power fails during his online interview, Ben says, "This is exactly the smooth start I needed."	STATED IMPLIED

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new STATED example and one new IMPLIED example. Make the implied meaning clear through details, tone, or context.

STATED _____

IMPLIED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-line mini-passage that implies an emotion through irony or imagery. Then write one sentence that names the implied emotion and cites the clue.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	"I will leave this city tomorrow, though I fear the change."	**STATED**	The speaker directly says that leaving causes fear.
2	After the fire alarm interrupts the test, Malik says, "Perfect timing."	**IMPLIED**	The situation shows Malik means the opposite, that the timing is bad.
3	The lone porch light burned until dawn after the farewell train left.	**IMPLIED**	The image suggests waiting or sadness without directly naming either feeling.
4	After the storm, the narrator says, "I am relieved that everyone is safe."	**STATED**	The narrator directly names relief.
5	"I envy my sister's freedom," the speaker admits.	**STATED**	The speaker directly states envy.
6	For the third week, the mailbox held only ads while Elena watched the road.	**IMPLIED**	The details suggest Elena is waiting for a letter or message.
7	The speaker declares, "I refuse to surrender my dream."	**STATED**	The speaker directly states determination.
8	When the power fails during his online interview, Ben says, "This is exactly the smooth start I needed."	**IMPLIED**	The failed interview setup shows Ben sarcastically means the start is not smooth.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **STATED**: "The speaker admits, 'I regret hiding the truth.'"
- **IMPLIED**: After the team loses, Priya says, "I just love watching our lead disappear."

Challenge: The rain canceled the picnic again. "Wonderful," Sam said, folding the untouched blanket. The implied emotion is disappointment, shown by "Wonderful" and the untouched blanket.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, students should name the category and cite a word, detail, or context clue. Accept reasonable inferences for imagery items when students explain how the details support the inference.