

The Inference Files

Textual Evidence, Inference & Theme

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the best answer for 1 and 2. Answer 3 in complete sentences.

1. "Tom slammed his locker, kicked his backpack, and stormed down the hall." What can you infer?

- (A) Tom is happy
- (B) Tom is upset or angry
- (C) Tom is tired
- (D) Tom is late for lunch

2. What is an inference?

- (A) A wild guess
- (B) A fact stated in the text
- (C) A logical conclusion from text clues and what you know
- (D) The title of a story

Read: Omar dropped the winning catch at the championship. For a week he wouldn't touch his glove. Then he saw a little girl at the park drop ball after ball, laughing each time and trying again. That evening, Omar asked his dad, "Can we practice catches tomorrow?"

3. What can you infer about how Omar changes, and what theme does it suggest? Support your answer with evidence.

Use RACE: Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain.

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Total: 5 points. Mastery: 4 or more.

#	Answer	Points
1	(B) Tom is upset or angry	1 point
2	(C) A logical conclusion from text clues and what you know	1 point
3	R: Omar changes after he watches the girl at the park. A: I infer he goes from feeling ashamed of his mistake to being ready to try again, which suggests the theme that mistakes are a chance to learn, not a reason to quit. C: At first he "wouldn't touch his glove," but later he asks, "Can we practice catches tomorrow?" E: This shows that seeing someone laugh and keep trying helped Omar realize that failing is part of getting better.	3 points: Inference about Omar's change; Theme without names; Two quotes (before and after).