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Inferences Worksheet 4

Directions: Read each passage and then respond to the questions. Each question will ask you to make a logical inference based on textual details. **Explain your answer by referencing the text.**

Mr. Thomas sat on the front porch of his house in a bathrobe and bunny slippers with his head in his hands. He was holding the daily newspaper. The sun shined brightly in the sky. His neighbors were coming out of their houses and getting in their cars. Mr. Thomas sighed. His neighbor Mr. Rosencrantz stepped out on his porch and saw Mr. Thomas. "Did it again, huh?" said Mr. Rosencrantz. Mr. Thomas replied, "Yep." Mr. Rosencrantz chuckled and said, "Here, Mr. Thomas, you can use my cell phone. I could even keep a key over here if you wanted." Tom thankfully grabbed the cell phone and called his wife. "Honey, I did it again." Mr. Rosencrantz heard Mrs. Thomas yelling at Mr. Thomas in a distorted high-pitched squeal. "Yes, dear. I'm so sorry. I'll see you soon," Mr. Thomas returned the phone, sighed deeply, and ran his fingers through his hair.

1. What is the thing that Mr. Thomas "did again"? **Mr. Thomas locked himself out of the house again.**

How do you know this? Mr. Thomas neighbor Mr. Rosencrantz already knew what Mr. Thomas did because Mr. Rosencrantz offered for Mr. Thomas to use his phone and also offered to keep a spare key at his home.

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2. Why will Mr. Thomas see Mrs. Thomas soon? **Mr. Thomas wife wasn't home at the moment.**

How do you know this? Mr. Rosencrantz offered Mr. Thomas to use his phone to call his wife.

Mr. Ericson was a manager at a small insurance company in Minnesota. One cold winter day, April 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, April, but the government needs you more. Take the time. We'll be alright." Mr. Ericson had thought that they needed her there at the office, but they managed fine without her. When April returned a week later, Mr. Ericson noticed that most of her skin was a bright shade of red except for around her eyes. Pale white circles ran from the top of her eyebrows to the bottom of her cheeks. These pale circles were surrounded by sunburned flesh. That's when Mr. Ericson knew. "April, step into my office. There are some things we need to discuss," Mr. Ericson said ominously.

3. Where was April? **April was at the beach.**

How do you know this? When April returned to work a week later, she had bright red skin except for around her eyes.

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4. What does Mr. Ericson wants to talk about with April? **Mr. Ericson wants to talk about firing her.**

How do you know this? April lied about being out for jury duty and Mr. Rosencrantz knew she wasn't at jury duty.

5. Why does April have white circles around her eyes? **April has white circles around her eyes**

because of her sunglasses. How do you know this? In the story, April, skin was bright red with white circles around her eyes which suggest that she was wearing sunglasses to protect her eyes.

Gloria was driving around the neighborhood in her pajamas. Every block or so she'd stop the car, hold her head out of the door, whistle, and call out "Candy! Candy! Come here girl!" Then she'd start the car again and slowly drive another block or two, looking around from left to right. Curtis sat in the passenger seat. He was looking around too, but he held his head low. "How many times have I told you to make sure that you shut and lock the door after you come in?" Gloria reprimanded Curtis. Curtis sighed. He felt bad enough without her finger-wagging.

6. Who is Candy and what are Gloria and Curtis doing? **Gloria and Curtis are driving around**

looking for their dog Candy. How do you know this? In the story, Gloria was driving around in pajamas whistling and calling out for candy.

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7. How did Candy get out? **Candy got out because Curtis left the door unlocked.** How do you know this?

In the story, Gloria mentions that she told Curtis to lock the door behind him when he came in the house, which suggests that Candy ran out of the door.

Commented [4]: How do you know?

8. Why does Curtis feel bad? **Curtis feels bad because his dog is lost.** How do you know this? In the story, Curtis

felt bad without her finger-wagging.

Justin came running down the stairs wearing his Tatakai Ninjas pajamas. He did a karate kick off of the last step and shouted "Kiya!" He slipped on the floor and almost fell as he landed, which didn't stop him from continuing to practice his ninja strikes on his way to the bathroom. He brushed his teeth with his Tatakai Ninjas toothbrush and rinsed his mouth out with water from a Tatakai Ninjas cup. "Moooooom, Daaaaaad! It's time to open my present!" After his parents came downstairs and poured themselves coffee, Justin began to open his present. His fingers were tense with excitement. Then they were still. It was six pairs of plain white socks. Justin checked in the box for something else. There was nothing. He looked at his parents and said, "Oh, socks. Just what I needed. Thank you so much," and then he sighed.

9. Is Justin happy with the socks? **Justin was not happy with his gift.** How do you know this? Justin sighed because

he didn't expect socks as a gift, which suggests that he was not pleased with his gift.

10. What present would have made Justin happier? Justin would be happier with things he

liked. How do you know this? Justin wasn't too happy with his socks, but he still loves them because he didn't want to hurt his parents' feelings.

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