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Making Inferences

Focus

Writers often do not include every detail about a character or an event in the story. Good readers use clues from the text to **make inferences** in order to complete the picture. Use the writer's clues and your own prior knowledge and experiences to get a better understanding of a character or an event.

Practice

Review “The Dancing Bird of Paradise,” and then write the letter of the detail next to the inference it best supports.

1. _____ Japanese art forms were important to Haruno's entire family.
2. _____ Fear can cause people to overreact.
3. _____ Sahomi has common sense.
4. _____ Sahomi became a very famous dancer.
5. _____ Sahomi wants to pass on the traditions of Japanese dance.
 - a. Sahomi learned many dancing styles, but she chose to teach Japanese dance.
 - b. Eleanor Roosevelt came to see Sahomi dance.
 - c. Haruno's extended family performed a kabuki play.
 - d. Because of the intense heat, Sahomi did not make the children wear kimonos.
 - e. Many innocent Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps.