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Making Inferences

Focus

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

Practice

Match each clue to the inference that makes the most sense.

Inferences

1. _____ The Keller family had grown used to Helen's wild behavior.
2. _____ Captain Keller was not convinced that Annie would be able to help.
3. _____ Captain Keller was very protective of Helen.
4. _____ Annie did not want to let the Keller family see her frustrations.
5. _____ Despite her behavior, Helen was a very intelligent child.

Clues

- a. Captain Keller agreed to let Annie take Helen to the garden house, but for only two weeks.
- b. Captain Keller became upset whenever Helen cried.
- c. Once Helen realized that Annie was teaching her words, she memorized thirty in an hour.
- d. While Helen took food from everyone's plates, her family did not say a word.
- e. Annie went up to her room and had a good cry.