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ELA.4.1: Refer to details and examples in a literary text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

Inference- taking what you read and your background knowledge on the topic to make an educated guess

Today's Lesson:

Read each short passage and answer the question that follows. Then, explain the background knowledge you used to figure out the answer.

A. Martin's little brother looked at the new bike a bit apprehensively. "Are you sure I won't get hurt?" he asked Martin. Martin replied, "Oh, you might fall once or twice, but you'll be okay. Just wear your helmet." Martin's little brother looked up at him, "And you will hold onto it so it doesn't fall over?" Martin nodded.

1. From this passage, what can the reader infer?

- a. Martin's little brother doesn't trust him.**
- b. Martin is learning to ride a bicycle.**
- c. Martin's little brother is learning to ride a bicycle.**

2. What background knowledge did you use to determine the answer?

B. When Sue walked into the house, all of her friends jumped out and yelled "Surprise!" She saw a stack of brightly wrapped gifts on the table,

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along with a cake with ten candles on it. Colorful balloons were tied to all of the chairs.

3. Based on this description, which of the following is a reasonable inference?

- a. It is Sue's birthday.
- b. Sue is visiting her grandmother.
- c. It is a family reunion.

4. What background knowledge did you use to determine the answer? _____

C. Charles let his dog, Roscoe, into the house. Roscoe ran over to his food bowl and wildly began to wag his tail.

5. The reader can reasonably infer

- a. Charles was not supposed to let Roscoe into the house yet
- b. Roscoe is a golden retriever
- c. Roscoe is hungry

6. What background knowledge did you use to determine the answer?

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