

# Second Level Inference

## Passage A

It was a pleasant, sunny day and Matisse pushed Violet gently on the swing. She squealed happily as it went back and forth. After a while, Matisse began to get bored. He raced off towards the biggest slide he could see. Violet struggled to get off the swing and began to toddle her way towards the slide Matisse was already zooming down. Violet had just reached the bottom of the slide when Matisse ran towards the climbing frame. "Mattie! Mattie! Wait for me," she shouted as she tried to catch up with him. Matisse scrambled his way up the climbing frame like a monkey scaling a tree. Violet managed to reach up to the first rung but couldn't manage to get her leg to reach. She sat down on the ground and began to cry.

1. a) Where are Violet and Matisse?

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b) What clues did you find in the text which helped you?

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c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

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2. a) Who do you think is older? Matisse or Violet?

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b) What clues did you find in the text which helped you?

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c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

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**Passage B**

As Rory walked up his path, he froze. Something was wrong. The curtain in the front room was hanging limply with rips all the way through. Beyond the curtains, Rory could see a scene of destruction. Lights were lying on the ground, the rug was ripped and there were bits of ornaments strewn over the carpet. Rory's stomach lurched as he rushed towards the front door. Fumbling for his keys, he unlocked his door and rushed inside. The devastation continued. The door to the kitchen, which Rory was sure he had closed before going to work, was swung open and had scratch marks halfway up. Rory closed his eyes and clenched his fists. All the way up the stairs were muddy little prints. Rory stormed up the stairs following the prints and shoved the door to his bedroom open and burst in. Sitting in the middle of the remains of the bed clothes sat Rory's white, fluffy, guilty-looking dog, Angus.

1. a) Who or what has caused the destruction in Rory's house?

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b) What were your clues in the text?

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c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

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2. a) How does Rory feel?

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b) What were your clues in the text?

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c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

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**Passage C**

The leaves were falling from the trees as Sundai walked along the path. The days were getting shorter and there were smells of bonfires in the air. The sound of a snapping twig off the path to the left made her freeze. Someone or something was there. Very quietly she turned to look at the bushes beside her. Carefully, she crouched down. At the bottom of one of the bushes was a pair of dark brown eyes staring at her. For a long moment, the two stared at each other. "Oh, it's you again," she breathed. Then the eyes disappeared and all Sundai heard was the swish of a tail and four paws padding away.

1. a) What time of year is it?

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b) What were your clues from the text?

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c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

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2. a) Is this the first time Sundai has met this someone or something?

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b) What were your clues from the text?

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c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

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3. a) Who or what do you think the someone or something is?

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b) What were your clues from the text?

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c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

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# Inference Second Level Answers

## Passage A

1. a) Where are Violet and Matisse?

**They are in a park.**

- b) What clues did you find in the text which helped you?

**Possible clues – They are on swings, there is a slide and a climbing frame.**

- c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

**Answers will vary.**

**Example answer – I think Violet and Matisse are in a park as they are playing on the swings, Matisse runs towards a slide and they also are on a climbing frame.**

2. a) Who do you think is older Matisse or Violet?

**Matisse is older.**

- b) What clues did you find in the text which helped you?

**Possible clues – Matisse is pushing Violet on the swing, Violet struggled to keep up with Matisse when he is running around and Violet wasn't able to reach the first rung of the climbing frame but Matisse climbed up easily.**

- c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

**Answer will vary.**

**Example answer – I think Matisse is older than Violet because he was pushing her on the swing, Violet found it difficult to catch up with Matisse and Matisse was able to climb up the climbing frame really easily but Violet couldn't manage to reach the first rung.**

# Inference Second Level Answers

## Passage B

1. a) Who or what has caused the destruction in Rory's house?

**Rory's dog, Angus, has caused the destruction in his house.**

- b) What were your clues in the text?

**Possible clues – The door was still locked so no-one has got in, there were scratch marks half-way up the kitchen door, there were muddy footprints all the way up the stairs and Angus was looking guilty.**

- c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

**Answers will vary.**

**Example answer – I think it was Angus, Rory's dog, who caused the destruction as the text says Angus was looking guilty, there were muddy footprints all the way up the stairs and the door was still locked so it doesn't seem if anyone else has got in.**

2. a) How does Rory feel?

**Rory feels angry.**

- b) What were your clues in the text?

**Possible clues – Rory closes his eyes and clenches his fists, he stormed up the stairs, shoved the door open and burst in.**

- c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

**Answer will vary.**

**Example answer – I think Rory feels angry because the text says he closes his eyes and clenches his fists. He also storms up the stairs and bursts into his room like he is angry.**

# Inference Second Level Answers

## Passage C

1. a) What time of year is it?

**It is autumn.**

- b) What were your clues in the text?

**Possible clues – Leaves were falling from the trees, the days are getting shorter and there were smells of bonfires in the air.**

- c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

**Answers will vary.**

**Example answer – I think it is autumn because there are leaves falling off the trees and autumn is the time this happens. The text also says that the days are getting shorter and there were smells of bonfires in the air.**

2. a) Is this the first time Sundai has met this someone or something?

**This isn't the first time Sundai has met this someone or something.**

- b) What were your clues in the text?

**Possible clues – Sundai says, "Oh, it's you again,".**

- c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

**Answer will vary.**

**Example answer – I don't think this is the first time Sundai has met this someone or something because she says, "Oh, it's you again,". The fact that she says again suggests she has met this someone or something before.**

3. a) Who or what do you think this someone or something is?

**I think it is an animal. Discussion point – some children will give you a specific animal as an answer so you might want to discuss why naming a specific animal e.g. a cat is possibly reading too far into the text.**

- b) What were your clues in the text?

**Possible clues – The eyes were at the bottom of the bush, Sundai heard a swish of a tail and four paws when it left.**

- c) Now put the two together to make a full answer in a sentence with some evidence from the text.

**Answer will vary.**

**Example answer – I think the someone or something Sundai sees is an animal because the text says that the eyes were at the bottom of the bush and Sundai hears a swish of a tail and four paws when the eyes disappear.**