

Drawing a Conclusion

Name: _____

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Read each paragraph and answer the questions.

PART I

Sarah lit the candle as the room grew darker. The clock chimed eight times, so she knew it would soon be bedtime. She hurried to find her chalkboard slate. She had not finished her lessons yet. She knew the teacher would be disappointed in her if she did not finish.



1. The paragraph takes place in: A. in the morning B. at night

Why do you think that? _____

2. The paragraph takes place in: A. modern times B. historical times

Why do you think that? _____

PART II

Claude walked slowly to the barn. He could hear the puppies as they cried for their mother. It would be a long night if she did not come back soon.



1. Claude is: A. male B. female

Why do you think that? _____

2. Claude is: A. a human B. an animal C. don't know

Why do you think that? _____

PART III

As I walked in the door, I knew there was trouble right away. The trash can was turned over, and papers were everywhere. The sofa cushions were on the floor. One of the pillows had been ripped open. Stuffing was all over the floor. As I looked around I saw Ringo in the corner. He had a ball in his mouth, ready to play.

1. What is Ringo? _____

2. What happened to the trash can, the sofa cushions and the pillow? _____

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Name: _____ **Answers**

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Student explanations will vary.
Example of correct answers:

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1. The paragraph takes place in: A. in the morning **B. at night**

Why do you think that? The text tells she lights a candle, and that it was almost bedtime.

2. The paragraph takes place in: A. modern times **B. historical times**

Why do you think that? The text says she lights a candle. It also says she uses a chalkboard slate for her lessons.

PART II

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1. Claude is: **A. male** B. female

Why do you think that? Claude is a usually a boy's name. The text says "he."

2. Claude is: A. a human B. an animal **C. don't know**

Why do you think that? There's not enough information in the text to tell if Claude is human or an animal.

Note: Some students may choose another option. If the explanation is clear and well thought out, accept as correct.

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1. What is Ringo? Ringo is a dog. He has a ball in his mouth.

2. What happened to the trash can, the sofa cushions and the pillow? _____

Ringo tore up the cushion and pillow. He knocked over the trash can.