Inferences Worksheet 3

**Directions:** Read each passage and then respond to the questions. Each question will ask you to make a logical inference based on textual details. **Explain your answer by referencing the text.**

Ryan was looking forward to sleeping over at his friend Robert's house. Though they had been classmates for a while, the two had only recently become good friends. Ryan packed up his sleeping bag, a pillow, and a few of his favorite toys and games, and then his mom dropped him off at Robert's. Robert met Ryan on the porch and the two did their secret handshake and started playing right away. First they played pirates in Robert's tree fort. Next they played ninjas in the driveway. Then it started getting dark and they went inside of Robert's house. As soon as they walked in the house, Ryan's eyes starting getting red and itchy. He saw a big orange cat sitting on the couch. Then he started sneezing uncontrollably. "I'm sorry, Robert. It's been a lot of fun, but I have to call my mom."

1. Why do Ryan's eyes get red and itchy when he walks into Robert's house?

   **How do you know this?**

   **Suggested Answer**
   Ryan is allergic to cats.

   **Answer Explanation**
   I know this because as soon as he walks into the house, his eyes start getting irritated, and then he sees the cat. People who are allergic to cats will display these symptoms when around cats.

2. Why does Ryan want to call his mother?

   **How do you know this?**

   **Suggested Answer**
   He wants to call his mother so that he can go home.

   **Answer Explanation**
   I know this because he apologizes and because he is having an allergic reaction.

"William, don't forget your towel!" Mom shouted as she applied sunblock on the baby. William threw the folding chairs in the back of the minivan and shouted through the garage door, "OK Mom!" He then ran up and grabbed his towel. "Georgie!" William shouted. There was no response. Mom packed the baby up into
the car seat. "William, can you help me with his umbrella?" William ran down the stairs, almost tripping over a chew toy, and then he helped his mother load the large umbrella in the minivan. "Mom, I can't find Georgie," William said. His mother shrugged and replied, "That's OK, William. He probably shouldn't come with us anyway."

3. Where are Mom and William going?

How do you know this?

**Suggested Answer**
They are going to the beach.

**Answer Explanation**
I know this because they are applying sunblock, bringing lawn chairs, and packing a large umbrella. These are items that are used at the beach.

4. Who is Georgie?

How do you know this?

**Suggested Answer**
Georgie is a dog.

**Answer Explanation**
I know this because William almost trips over one of his chew toys and Mom seems really unconcerned with Georgie's disappearance.

As the teacher brought the class back from the washroom, he noticed that Alvin and Elijah were nowhere to be seen. He asked the class, "Has anyone seen Alvin or Elijah?" Most of the students confirmed that they had not seen them, except for Rodney, who remained silent while tapping his foot on the floor anxiously. The teacher noticed this. "Rodney, do you happen to know where your best buddies Alvin and Elijah went?"
Rodney looked away and said, "Nah, I haven't seen them." The teacher notified the office of the missing students. An announcement was made over the PA system and a few minutes later, Alvin and Elijah returned to class. Both of them were very sweaty and Elijah was carrying a basketball. "Sorry we took so long. We had to use the bathroom," said Elijah. "Yeah," chimed in Alvin, "it took longer than we thought."

5. What were Alvin and Elijah doing while they were gone?

How do you know this?
Suggested Answer
Alvin and Elijah were probably playing basketball in the gym or somewhere else.

Answer Explanation
I know this because they were both very sweaty and Elijah was carrying a basketball.

6. Why was Rodney acting so strangely?

How do you know this?

Suggested Answer
Rodney was acting strangely because he knew where Alvin and Elijah went.

Answer Explanation
I know this because he began acting strangely when the teacher started asking where Alvin and Elijah went.

7. Will the teacher believe Alvin and Elijah's story?

How do you know this?

Suggested Answer
He probably will not.

Answer Explanation
I know this because he seems pretty smart. He noticed that they were gone, and he noticed that Rodney was acting funny. Also, Alvin and Elijah are carrying around a basketball.

Tony walked out of the shopping mall with his arms full of bags and the sun shining on him. As he approached his car, he started awkwardly feeling around his pockets with his arm full of bags. He did not find what he was looking for so he transferred the bags on one arm to the other arm, which already had bags. Tony had a lot of bags on one arm. He still couldn't find what he was looking for. Now he dropped the bags and plunged both hands desperately into all of the pockets on his jeans. With a look of despair, Tony ran to his car. He tried to open the door, but it was locked. Then he saw something on the passenger seat of the car. He stopped looking and pulled his phone out of his pocket.
8. Why does Tony get so frantic?

Suggested Answer
Tony realizes that he doesn't have his car keys.

Answer Explanation
I know this because he is checking his pockets over and over again and he can't get into his car.

9. What does Tony see on the passenger seat?

Suggested Answer
Tony sees his keys.

Answer Explanation
I know this because he stops looking for them after he sees them on the passenger seat.

10. Why is Tony getting on the phone?

Suggested Answer
Tony is going to call for help. He will probably contact either a locksmith, the police, or someone he knows with a spare key.

Answer Explanation
I know this because he is locked out of his car and he probably wants to take his new stuff home.