

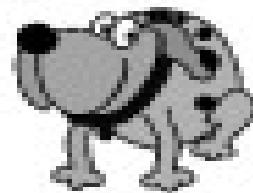
## Drawing Conclusions and Making Inferences About Characters

**Directions:** Choose the best answer based on the clues given.

The dog scratched at the door. Barking loudly, he couldn't wait any longer. Where was his owner? Had better hurry and let him out!

1. What can you conclude about the dog?

- (A) He wants attention.
- (B) He wants inside earlier.
- (C) He's going to have to wait.
- (D) He's going to go haywire.



2. How do you know that?

Ben clenched his fists and gritted his teeth. No more "Mr. Nice Guy," he thought to himself. Not this time. James walked toward him grinning evilly. "Hey Ben, give me your lunch money!" he said.

3. What conclusion can you draw about James?

- (A) He was usually pretty nice.
- (B) He had bullied Ben before.
- (C) He was a good student.
- (D) He had been bullied many times.



4. What can you assume about Ben based on the text evidence?

- (A) He isn't going to let James bully him this time.
- (B) He had tried to stand up to bullies before.
- (C) He was a real bully to kids at school.
- (D) He thought James was trying to be nice.