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Reading Strategy Worksheet - Inferencing

Sometimes you must read carefully to pick up clues about characters and events. When you use clues and look beyond the words on the page, you begin to make inferences.

Directions: Read the following story. Then, read the clues, add YOUR background knowledge and answer the inference questions below IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

Derek had lived in his new neighborhood for only a month. He liked the area which was very close to the local ball field and the mall. However, he missed his old friends. Often he called his best friend, Alex, to talk. The last time that he talked to Alex, however, they didn't have much to say to each other. Derek's parents were also very busy with their new jobs to spend very much time with him, although, they wanted him to try and make new friends.

One morning when Derek was walking his dog, he saw a boy who lived on the same block skateboarding along the street. Derek's dog, Sassafrass, immediately started to bark and run after the boy. Suddenly the boy stopped skateboarding and started to laugh. He jumped off of his skateboard and patted Sassafrass, who wagged her tail.

"Hi," the boy said to Derek. "My name is Frederick Olden. I live just down the street from you. I'm sorry I haven't stopped by to say hello. It's nice to meet you."

CLUE FROM THE STORY	+ BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE	= INFERENCE
Derek has moved.	1a. What experiences do YOU have that are similar?	1b. What can you infer about Derek's feelings about moving to a new neighborhood?
He calls his friend Alex often	2a. What experiences do YOU have that are similar?	2b. How do you think Derek has felt since leaving his old friends?