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Reading Between the Lines

An inference is a conclusion you come to based on reasoning and evidence within a text.

Read each paragraph below and answer the inference question that follows.

Maria nervously checked her phone again. She paced back and forth near the restaurant window, looking outside at every car that passed. Finally, her phone buzzed with a message, and a smile spread across her face.

What was Maria waiting for? How do you know?

Evan raced into the house, soaked and shivering. His shoes squished with every step, and his coat dripped water onto the floor. His mother handed him a towel and said, "Looks like you didn't check the forecast

today, huh?"

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What happened to Evan? How do you know?

As the music started, Grace took a deep breath and stepped onto the stage. She glanced at the rows of people in the audience and adjusted her microphone. The spotlight was bright, but she focused on her notes and began to sing.

What event is Grace likely at? How do you know?

Leo opened the cupboard and frowned. There was only a small bag of rice and a jar of peanut butter left. He sighed and grabbed his wallet. "Looks like it's time for another grocery run," he said to himself.

Why is Leo upset? How do you know?