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# Making Inferences

**Directions:** Read the short passages and then answer each question using evidence from the text to make inferences about each scenario.

Alex returned to his parked car to find a parking ticket on the windshield and a note that said, "Sorry, I tried to wait for you." His friend Sam was across the street, looking apologetic. Alex crumpled the ticket in his hand and sighed deeply. He glanced around, noticing Sam's car parked nearby with the engine still running. Sam shuffled his feet awkwardly, not quite meeting Alex's eyes.

- What happened that caused Alex to get a parking ticket?
- Who do you think left the note based on the evidence?
- Why do you think Sam looks apologetic?

Jenny entered the classroom early to find her science project on the floor, broken into pieces. She saw Tom, the class bully, smirking as he walked by. Jenny's heart sank as she knelt down to pick up the shattered remains of her hard work. Tom casually tossed a crumpled piece of paper into the trash, his smirk never fading. The room was eerily quiet, with only the sound of Jenny's quiet sniffles breaking the silence.

- What happened to Jenny's science project?
- Who do you think is responsible based on the evidence?
- Why do you think Tom is smirking?