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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.

Sarah came back to her desk to find her open notebook covered in doodles and her pen missing. Her colleague, Jake, was at his desk nearby, whistling innocently and twirling a pen that looked just like hers. Sarah's eyes narrowed as she approached Jake's desk. "Jake, have you seen my pen?" she asked, her voice laced with suspicion. Jake glanced up, his innocent whistling ceasing abruptly, and shrugged nonchalantly.

- What happened to Sarah's notebook?
- Who do you think doodled in Sarah's notebook based on the evidence?
- Why do you think Jake is whistling innocently and twirling a pen?

After dinner, Mark noticed the kitchen sink was full of dirty dishes and his brother Tim was sneaking out of the back door with his coat on. Mark yelled, "You know it's your turn!" Tim froze in his tracks, his hand on the doorknob. He turned around slowly, guilt written all over his face. Mark crossed his arms and tapped his foot impatiently, waiting for Tim to respond.

- What is Tim likely trying to do when Mark sees him?
- What happened to the dishes in the sink?
- Who do you think was supposed to do the dishes based on the evidence?