Inferences

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An inference is a conclusion you draw based on evidence in a reading passage. Read each paragraph and answer the inference question that follows.

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| **Maggie was getting ready to walk to school. She put on her coat and grabbed her backpack. As she was leaving, her mother said, “I love you. Be careful.”** | You can infer that... **a.** Maggie is in kindergarten or first grade.  **b.** Maggie lives close to school. **c.** Maggie is never late for school. **d.** Maggie is excited about going to school. |
| **Hudson hurried out of the house so he wasn't late for work. He wore overalls and carried a toolbox with wrenches in it. He hopped in his truck and drove off. The sign on his truck said, “Pipe Masters.”** | You can infer that... **a.** Hudson is an auto mechanic.  **b.** Hudson enjoys his job. **c.** Hudson works as a plumber.  **d.** Hudson is a truck salesman. |
| **Nicole came out of the elevator in her apartment building. She ran to the curb and held up her arm to hail a taxi. When she hopped in, she said, “Please take me to 345 45th Street.”** | You can infer that... **a.** Nicole's car is broken. **b.** Nicole is going on vacation.  **c.** Nicole is going shopping. **d.** Nicole lives in a large city. |
| **Everett held his father's hand as he crossed the busy parking lot. They walked into a grocery store. Everett's dad lifted him into the seat of the shopping cart. “Here,” said dad, “You can hold my shopping list.”** | You can infer that... **a.** Everett had never been to a grocery store.  **b.** Everett's dad does not shop often. **c.** Everett's dad needs help with the shopping. **d.** Everett is very young. |