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Answers (Note: student inferences may vary)

Making Inferences in a Fictional Text

Defining Key Vocabulary

Directions: Use context clues to match each vocabulary word to its definition.

~~crept~~ _____ a paid occupation or job
~~profession~~ _____ wealth or good fortune
~~astonished~~ _____ moved slowly and quietly to avoid being noticed
~~prosperity~~ _____ greatly surprised or impressed

Making Inferences

Directions: Complete the chart by writing a quote from the text (on the left) or an inference you can make (on the right).

	The text states...	This most likely means...
1	<p>"They wished every day for a child, even if he were no bigger than a hazelnut."</p>	<p>What can you infer about the couple who later became the hazelnut child's parents?</p> <p><u>The couple wanted to be parents to a child so badly, and they didn't care if he was different from every other child.</u></p>
2	<p>Write a quote from the story that supports this inference.</p> <p><u>"You see, I told you messenger was the profession for me."</u></p>	<p>The hazelnut child was determined to prove that he could accomplish his goals, despite his small size.</p>
3	<p>"The king was so taken with the hazelnut child that he gave the boy a diamond bigger than himself."</p>	<p>What can you infer about the king?</p> <p><u>The king was wealthy and he had never seen anyone like the hazelnut boy; he was impressed by him.</u></p>