

READING COMPREHENSION **Answer Key**

Drawing Conclusions

Great readers draw conclusions based on hints from the author in a story. When you draw conclusions, you use the information from the passage to make a guess about something. Readers use the author’s hints, or evidence, to support their conclusion.

Directions: Read each passage. Then, draw a conclusion about the story based on the details in the passage. Underline the hints the author gives in the passage.



Passage	Draw a Conclusion
<p>Preparations were set and the violinist was ready. Anxious faces stared at the clock, wondering exactly what was taking her so long. The groom fiddled his thumbs and combed his hair back nervously. Finally, the violinist began a sweet-sounding melody and everyone rose in their seats.</p>	<p>Where are they? They are at a wedding.</p>
<p>My bags were ready and the only thing left to pack were the food provisions. Who knew what we’d need, especially since my parents were coming too. They always brought enough food to feed an army. I checked the lantern to make sure the batteries worked, and I called Tempest to the car. She wagged her tail happily. She was ready for her first overnight adventure in nature.</p>	<p>Where are they going? They are going camping.</p>

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<p>Mia wiped sweat from her brow and looked down at the script one last time. She had rehearsed every waking moment and knew she was prepared, but she couldn't help the gnawing feeling in her stomach. Thoughts of doubt raced through her head, but she shoved them aside. She was ready. She walked on stage left, determined to show them just how hard she had worked to get this right.</p>	<p>What did she rehearse? She rehearsed a performance.</p>
<p>The buses raced around the neighborhood. They made an unfamiliar sound after the long, blisteringly hot summer. The bustle of kids with their shiny new backpacks put smiles on parents' faces. The nervous chatter at the bus stop eased some of the tension of the new adventure.</p>	<p>What time of year is it? It is the beginning of the school year.</p>
<p>Santiago determined that he was going to have a blast, even if he didn't know anyone. He stood at the front door and took a deep breath. Earlier this morning, he'd wrapped his gift in superhero wrapping paper and was sure his cousin would love it. What he doubted was whether anyone else would think the present was cool. He straightened his shoulders and rang the bell. He guessed he would find out soon enough</p>	<p>Why did Santiago have a present? He had a present to give as a gift to his cousin at his party.</p>