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# **READ BETWEEN THE LINES**

**Directions:** Read each passage and then respond to the questions. Each question will ask you to make a logical inference based on details from the text. Explain your answers by referencing the text.

① Charlotte was pet sitting her uncle's pet boa constrictor. When she went to check on him the next morning, he was missing. There also seemed to be fewer hamsters in the next cage.

**What is the most likely conclusion? What happened to the hamsters?**

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② Isaac didn't want to sit by the new kid. He'd rather sit all by himself. He didn't want to make any friends. After the teacher handed out the assignments, the new kid leaned over, "Hey, my name is Rocky." Isaac didn't look up from his textbook. Rocky didn't take Isaac's silence personally. Instead, he stole a glance at the notebook on which Isaac was drawing. Rocky noticed that Isaac was drawing a guitar with skulls on it. Rocky asked politely, "Who's your favorite band?" Isaac ignored him. Rocky continued, "My favorite band is The Lords of Death." Isaac looked up at him for the first time. "Hello, Rocky, my name is Isaac. I believe that we are going to be great friends."

**a Why did Isaac suddenly respond in a positive way to Rocky's questions?**

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**b** How did Rocky know the best way to win Isaac's friendship?

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**3** During the California Gold Rush of 1849, the world's supply of gold more than doubled, and hundreds of thousands of people rushed to California to find their share. Boomtowns popped up to accommodate the visitors. A boomtown is a community that receives sudden and explosive growth and development. San Francisco had around two-hundred residents in 1846, and about 36,000 in 1852. The few merchants in these boomtowns sold goods for more than ten times what they cost back East. For example, a single pound of flour sold for as much as \$17. Not everyone who joined in the California Gold Rush got rich, but most of the boomtown merchants did.

**a** Why were boomtown merchants able to sell their products for so much money?

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**b** How do you know this?

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