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RL8.1: Inferences

Directions: Read each passage and then respond to the questions. Each question will ask you to make an **inference** based on **textual evidence**.

Miya came out of the bathroom with tears in her eyes. She ran down to the cafeteria and asked the staff if they had any rice. Fortunately for Miya, Ms. Lucille did. Ms. Lucille filled a red plastic cup about half way with white rice grains and handed it to Miya. Miya pulled a damp phone from out of her back pocket and pushed it into the dry rice grains inside of the plastic cup. She sincerely thanked Ms. Lucille and then went back to class. She felt relieved, but she was still a little worried.

1. Why is Miya upset at the beginning of the passage? Cite details from the passage to support your answer.

2. Why does Miya put her phone in the cup of rice? Cite details from the passage to support your answer.

3. Why is Miya relieved but still worried at the end of the text? Cite details from the passage to support your answer.

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Shawn sat in his seat as the morning bell rang and released a big yawn. He rubbed his eyes and could feel how baggy they were. He stretched as the teacher went to the front of the class and began talking, "Good morning, students! I'll take attendance while you start working on that test that I promised you." The class let out a collective groan, but Shawn's eyes widened. He began rummaging through his backpack and pulled out a crumpled notebook with part of the cover torn off it. He frantically rifled through the pages, many of which were filled with just a few words or doodles. The teacher looked directly at Shawn as he said, "OK, class, put your notes away and clear off your desks. It's test time." Shawn began looking around the room frantically. He saw Cassie sitting next to him. Shawn whispered, "Psst... Cassie." She turned to him with a scowl. His eyes pleaded with hers. "Not gonna happen, Shawn," Cassie said loudly. This startled Shawn and he jumped in his seat. The teacher looked at Shawn again, "No more talking class."

4. Was Shawn up late last night studying for the test? Cite details from the passage to support your answer.

5. Why does Shawn suddenly liven up when the teacher announces the test? Cite details from the passage to support your answer.

6. What did Shawn want from Cassie? Cite details from the passage to support your answer.
