Skill focus: Making inferences.

Inferences Worksheet 1 Directions: Read each passage and then respond to the questions. Each question will ask you to make a logical inference based on textual details. Explain your answer by referencing the text.

Every day after work Paul took his muddy boots off on the steps of the front porch. Alice would have a fit if the boots made it so far as the welcome mat. He then took off his dusty overalls and threw them into a plastic garbage bag; Alice left a new garbage bag tied to the porch railing for him every morning. On his way in the house, he dropped the garbage bag off at the washing machine and went straight up the stairs to the shower as he was instructed. He would eat dinner with her after he was "presentable," as Alice had often said.

1. What type of job does Paul do? _____

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2. How do you know this?_____

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3. Describe Alice: _____

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4. What in the text supports your description?_____

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5. What relationship do Paul and Alice have? _____

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6. Why do you feel this way?_____

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Crack! Thunder struck and rain poured. Max stared blankly out the window, trying to contain his emotions that raged like the weather. He was beginning to lose it. Dropping the kite from his hand, Max broke out into full sobs. His mother comforted him, "There, there, Max. We'll just find something else to do." She began to unpack the picnic basket that was on the counter and offered him a sandwich. Max snapped, "I don't wanna sand-mich!" A flash from the sky lit up the living room. Boom! Mum sighed.

1. Why is Max upset?

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3. How do you know this?_____

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4. What was Mom planning on doing today?_____

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5. What in the text supports your description? _____

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