Making and Supporting Inference with Evidence Quiz Practice

1. Every day after work Paul took his muddy boots off on the steps of the front porch. What can you infer about the type of work Paul does?
   a. He works as a lawyer
   b. He works as a doctor
   c. He teaches PE in a small town school
   d. He cuts trees down in a forest

2. For your answer in question 1, cite evidence from the sentence to support your choice.

3. You are walking outside and go past the cafeteria door and have to step over a face down slice of pizza. What can you infer about what happened?
   a. There was a food fight
   b. Someone was mad about the taste of the pizza
   c. Someone had trouble carrying the pizza outside
   d. The custodian didn’t come to work because he was sick.

4. For your answer in question 1, cite evidence from the sentence to support your choice.

For questions 5 - 6, describe an inference and include evidence from the story to support your inference.

5. Our family raises honeybees. This spring one of our ten hives was destroyed. Recently, a bear was sighted in our neighborhood. What happened to the hive that was destroyed?

6. Today I was late for my volleyball game. Mom pulled the car over several times to study the map she had printed off the Internet. Mom even made me go into a convenience store to see if I could get some help in there. When we finally got to the gym, the girls on my team were almost finished warming up. Why was the student late for the game?

For questions 7 - 9, describe an inference from the stated observation. Include evidence to support your inference.

7. You observe that the sky at noon is darkening.

8. A siren is heard going past the school.
9. The classroom lights are off.

For questions 10 and 11, explain the findings/conclusions made by the scientists in the story using evidence.

10. An Archaeologist working at a site in Arizona found pottery shards, corn cobs and squash seeds, and lengths of rough wooden polls in the structures. The archaeologist reported at a news conference that the ancient people were farmers. What evidence did the scientist use to support this report?

11. Using data from ice cores, Antarctic scientists shared "In the last 2,000 years there was another period around about the 1500s where we also saw a temperature warming similar to the rate of today, but the temperature cooled again. And then at about 400 A.D., we also saw not quite as great a warming, but then it cooled again." At a news conference the scientist stated that the sharp warming trend we’re seeing today is quite unusual but not entirely unique. What evidence did the scientist use to support this report?