

Making Inferences from Text

Name: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: Read the passage carefully. Answer the questions by making inferences based on the clues in the text. Remember, the answers are not directly stated—you need to use evidence from the passage to work them out.

The Workshop

Maya pulled her goggles down over her eyes and picked up the welding torch. Sparks flew as she carefully joined two pieces of metal together. In the corner, her latest creation—a mechanical bird with intricate gears visible through its transparent wings—sat waiting for its final adjustments. The workbench was covered in tools, metal scraps, and detailed sketches. Through the window, the sun was beginning to set, casting long shadows across the workshop floor. Maya's stomach rumbled, reminding her she'd been working since breakfast. She glanced at the clock: 6:15 p.m. Her mum would be calling her for dinner soon, but she was determined to finish attaching the bird's wing mechanism first.

"Just five more minutes," Maya muttered to herself, the same thing she'd said an hour ago. She wiped the sweat from her forehead, leaving a small smudge of oil behind. Tomorrow was the school science fair, and she wanted her project to be perfect.

1. What time of day did Maya start working in her workshop?

2. Why is Maya working so hard on her mechanical bird?

3. What kind of person is Maya? Give two character traits and explain your reasoning.

Trait 1: _____

Evidence: _____

Trait 2: _____

Evidence: _____

4. How does Maya really feel about stopping work when she says "just five more minutes"?

5. What can you infer about Maya's skills and experience with building things? Use evidence from the text.

