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# Worksheet 5: Make an Inference About the Character

## QUICK NOTES

An inference is a smart conclusion readers make using story clues and their own thinking.

To understand a character, pay attention to:

- Actions: What does the character do?
- Words: What does the character say?
- Feelings: How does the character react?
- Text Evidence: Which details support your conclusion?

Remember: Different clues can help you make different inferences about the same character.

## PART A: READ THE PASSAGE

### A Day at the Community Garden

On Saturday morning, Sophie arrived at the community garden with a small bag of gardening tools. She noticed that several plants were leaning over because the soil around them had dried out. Without waiting for anyone to ask, she filled a watering can and began helping.

A younger boy nearby was trying to plant seeds, but he kept dropping

them. Sophie smiled and showed him how to make small holes in the soil. When he finally planted his seeds correctly, she congratulated him.

Later, dark clouds gathered, and a few volunteers began packing their things. Sophie looked at the unfinished garden bed and said, "We are almost done. Let's finish this section together!" She continued working until the area was neat and the plants were watered.

Although she was tired, she felt happy looking at what everyone had accomplished.

## PART B: MAKE YOUR INFERENCES

1. Which character traits best describe Sophie? Choose two.
a) Helpful
b) Careless
c) Patient
d) Selfish

Answers: _____ and _____

2. What can you infer about Sophie's feelings at the end of the activity?

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3. Which action shows that Sophie is patient?

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4. What does Sophie's decision to keep working tell you about her attitude toward responsibilities?

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## PART C: SUPPORT YOUR THINKING

5. Find one detail from the passage that shows Sophie cares about other people.

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6. What lesson can readers learn from Sophie's behavior?

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