

## Supporting Inferences

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Why did Bob open the cookie jar?

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Evidence:

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Why did Bob go to Megan's room?

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Evidence:

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Who ate the cookies in the cookie jar?

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Evidence:

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When supporting my inferences, I feel:

\_\_\_\_\_ confident

\_\_\_\_\_ unsure

\_\_\_\_\_ I need help.

## Supporting Inferences Answer Key

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Why did Bob open the cookie jar?

Bob wanted a snack after school.

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Evidence: Bob came home from school. He opened the cookie jar.

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Why did Bob go to Megan's room?

Bob thought that Megan had the cookies.

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Evidence: He saw crumbs leading to his little sister Megan's room.

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Who ate the cookies in the cookie jar?

Megan ate the cookies.

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Evidence: She had chocolate crumbs all over her face.

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