

**Drawing conclusions** means making your own decisions based on the information given. To do this, you need to think about what makes the most sense. **Making inferences** is when you use your own knowledge along with the information from the story to figure something out.

**Instructions:** Read the story below. As you read, consider what you already know along with the information in the story. Use this to figure out the deeper meaning by thinking about what makes the most sense.



### The Honest Girl

Emma was a young girl who lived in a small village surrounded by forests. One day, while walking through the woods, she spotted something shiny on the ground. It was a gold coin. Emma picked it up and looked around, wondering who might have dropped it. Although the coin wasn't hers, she knew it could help her family. She thought for a moment and decided to take it to the village square to see if anyone was looking for it.

When she arrived at the square, she asked around, but no one claimed the coin. Emma knew that she could use the coin to help her family, but she also knew it was the right thing to do to return it to its rightful owner. She decided to take the coin to the village elder.

The elder smiled at her and said, "Emma, you have shown great honesty. That coin belongs to you now." Emma was happy to have made the right choice, and her family was extremely proud of her.



Combine what you already know with the details from the story to make inferences.



**1. Why did Emma decide to return the coin?**

- A. She wanted to keep it for herself.
- B. She didn't like the coin.
- C. She thought the coin might belong to someone else.

**2. Why did the village elder give Emma the coin?**

- A. She worked for the elder.
- B. The elder needed the coin for herself.
- C. The elder wanted to reward her honesty.

**3. Why did Emma feel happy at the end of the story?**

- A. She got a reward.
- B. She made the right choice.
- C. She didn't want the coin.

**4. Why did no one claim the coin at first?**

- A. No one knew it was missing.
- B. People didn't want it.
- C. The coin was too small to notice.

Think about what makes the most sense to draw a conclusion:

**5. The elder called Emma honest. This is probably because:**

- A. She decided to keep the coin.
- B. She was looking for a reward.
- C. She did what was right, even when it wasn't easy.

**7. Draw another conclusion: What lesson does this story aim to teach?**

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