Name _____ Date _____

Making Inferences

Text clues + what I know = inference. I think ____ because the text says ____.

A. Read the passage.

The Missing Sandwich

Nora put her sandwich on the picnic table and went to get a drink. When she came back, the plate was empty except for a few crumbs.

Muddy paw prints led across the table and down into the grass. Under a bush, Rusty was licking his lips and wagging his tail. A piece of lettuce hung from his whiskers.

Nora put her hands on her hips. "Rusty!" she said, but she couldn't help laughing.

B. Make an inference. Give the evidence.

1. Who took the sandwich? _____ Evidence: _____
2. What kind of animal is Rusty? _____ Evidence: _____
3. Was it rainy earlier? _____ Evidence: _____
4. Is Nora really angry? _____ Evidence: _____

C. How does each person feel?

1. Ali's face turned red, and he looked at the floor. _____
2. Kim jumped up and down and squealed. _____
3. Dad sighed and rubbed his head. _____
4. Tears rolled down Leo's cheeks at the airport. _____

D. Fill in the chart. Text clue: The kitchen smelled sweet, and there was flour on the counter.

What I know:

My inference:

Answer Key

B. Make an inference. Give the evidence.

1. **Rusty: paw prints, licking lips, lettuce on whiskers** 2. **a dog: paw prints, wagging tail** 3. **probably: the paw prints were muddy** 4. **no: she couldn't help laughing**

C. How does each person feel?

1. **embarrassed** 2. **excited** 3. **tired or stressed** 4. **sad**

D. Fill in the chart.

What I know: baking uses flour and smells sweet. Inference: someone was baking.