Detecting Absurdities **2**

Find five silly things in this picture. Then turn the page upside down to check the answers.



guitar in oven, stirring with a rake, eggs falling off the table, cook book upside down, chef is a bear

Detecting Absurdities **9**

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Write what is silly about each picture.





Spotlight on Reasoning & Problem Solving Making Predictions & Inferences

Predicting with Choices **2**

- Check the best answer to each question.
- 1. What will happen if you leave a sandwich where a hungry dog could reach it?
 - _____ a. The sandwich will poison the dog.
 - ____ b. The dog will eat the sandwich.
 - ____ c. The dog will ignore the sandwich.



- 2. If you put a sailboat and a rock into water, what will happen?
 - _____ a. The boat will sink and the rock will float.
 - _____ b. The boat and the rock will both float.
 - _____ c. The boat will float and the rock will sink.
- 3. Brenda's ice-cream sundae was served without a spoon. What will Brenda do?
 - _____ a. She will use her fingers to eat the sundae.
 - _____ b. She will ask for a spoon to eat the sundae.
 - _____ c. She will get a straw to eat the sundae.
- 4. Jeremy is making brownies for his family. He measured the water and put it into the bowl. What will he do next?
 - a. He will put the mix and the eggs into the bowl.
 - _____ b. He will stir the water.
 - _____ c. He will bake the brownies.







Making Inferences Without Pictures @



Think about each situation and check the best answer(s) for the questions.

1. Brian did his best to solve the math problems on the test. Then he looked them over carefully. "Oops, that answer is wrong," he thought. He drew a neat line through the wrong answer and wrote the correct answer beside it.

Why didn't Brian just erase the wrong answer? Check each logical reason.

- _____ a. It would take too long to erase it.
- b. His teacher didn't allow erasing on a math test.
- ____ c. He had done his work in ink.
- 2. Diego enjoyed talking with Mr. Hooper, an elderly neighbor. Today Diego noticed something odd about Mr. Hooper's house. There were several newspapers on the front stoop. The yard hadn't been mowed and the grass was long. There were a few palm leaves lying around the yard.

What might have happened?

- _____ a. Mr. Hooper might be sick.
- _____ b. Mr. Hooper might not care if his yard looked neat.
- _____ c. Mr. Hooper might be on a trip.
- _____ d. Mr. Hooper might be in a hospital.
- 3. Tyler was careful not to step on any broken pieces. He got the dustpan and brush and cleaned the mess on the floor. "Oh, well," he thought, "at least I hadn't already poured my juice."

What had happened?

- _____ a. Tyler dropped a bowl on the floor and it broke.
- _____ b. Tyler dropped a plate on the floor and it shattered.
- _____ c. Tyler dropped a glass on the floor and it broke.
- 4. Jeff's mom wasn't home when he walked in the door after school, but he wasn't worried. He knew she would be home in a few minutes.

Why was Jeff so sure his mom would be home soon? Check each logical answer.

- _____ a. She had told him when she would get home.
- _____ b. She always came home at the same time every day.
 - _____ c. He hoped she would come home soon.
- _____ d. His mom left him a note saying when she would get home.