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Making Inferences

Making an inference means using clues from the text to figure out something the author doesn't tell you directly.

Directions: Answer the questions or follow the directions that appear in italics to fill in the chart. We completed the first row for you.

Clues	Inference
<p>1. On page 25, Ashley explains the difference between a budgie and a parakeet:</p> <p>"Sweet Pea is a budgie," Ashley was explaining. "People think that's the same as a parakeet, but it's not. Budgies are slightly larger and much more exotic."</p>	<p><i>Why does Ashley insist that budgies and parakeets are different?</i></p> <p>Ashley believes that budgies are more "exotic" than parakeets, and this appeals to her. In her mind, it seems to be more exciting and adventurous to have an exotic bird than a regular old parakeet.</p>
<p>2. <i>Find two lines in the story that support the inference on the right.</i></p>	<p>The narrator feels uncomfortable in Ashley's home.</p>
<p>3. On page 23, the narrator and Ashley are walking to Ashley's house and talking:</p> <p>"What do you like to imagine?" I was a little winded from the steps, so I just shrugged. 'Like, I am constantly imagining I can fly,' said Ashley, spreading her arms wide. 'Do you ever imagine you're flying?' I stopped for breath. 'I sometimes imagine I'm in a bakery.'"</p>	<p><i>What can you infer about Ashley's and the narrator's personalities from these lines? How are they different?</i></p>

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<p>4. On page 25, the narrator and Ashley's mom are talking in the kitchen:</p> <p> "‘Well,’ said the mom, pouring herself more water. ‘I wish I could chat, but I really have to study. Call me if you two need anything.’ And then she left.”</p>	<p><i>What can you infer about Ashley's mother from these lines?</i></p>