

KEY INTO INFERENCE LEVEL ONE SET 11

Inference is not said directly

Look for the keywords

Answers must come from information in the story

Use words from the question and from the text in your answer

Buttons

As she did every week, Mrs. Low sat on the couch sewing buttons onto her sons' shirts. The boys were always playing rough games.

On the floor, baby Hannah was playing happily with her toys. The phone rang, and as Mrs. Low quickly got up to answer it, she spilled the contents of the button container.

While she was on the phone Hannah crawled over to see what had happened. When Mrs. Low finished her conversation she picked up the buttons from the floor. She then noticed that Hannah was very quiet. Suddenly, Hannah began to cough and her face turned red. Thinking the worst, Mrs. Low scooped the baby into her arms and rushed out the door.

When the boys arrived home they found the house empty. They were watching TV when their mother came in, holding Hannah in her arms.

"I've been at the medical centre," Mrs. Low explained. "I thought that Hannah had swallowed a button. When the doctor undressed her, there was a button in the fold of her T-shirt."

They laughed and turned back to the TV.

- a. Why did the buttons come off the boys' shirts?
- b. How did the buttons get on the floor?
- c. Why did Mrs. Low think that Hannah had swallowed a button?
- d. Were the boys upset when they found their mother was not at home? How do you know that?

Reaction question:

What would you do if you arrived home and no one was there?

Create activity:

Look up the first aid instructions for when someone is choking.
Make a poster to tell someone what to do.