

The Secret in Albie's Closet

Definition

Many stories we read **suggest** more than they actually **say**. To understand things the story does not say, we make an **inference**. We **figure out** something based on clues and what we already know.

Read each passage. Then find the word or words that make sense in each sentence by making inferences.

- 1** Albie rode his bike home one afternoon and dumped his backpack on the chair. He trotted into his bedroom and tossed his shoes carelessly into his closet while he munched an apple. Albie had been at ■ all day.
- 2** Albie heard a strange creaking noise coming from his closet. He wondered what could have made that noise and decided to take a look. The noise made Albie feel ■.
- 3** Behind a panel in his closet, Albie saw stairs leading to a huge, amazing room full of sports, playgrounds, and a water park! Albie was very excited about the room. But then he found a manual that explained the rules for using the room. Until he read the manual, Albie didn't ■ about the rules.
- 4** The only rule in the manual was that Albie couldn't tell anyone about the secret room. If he told anyone, the room would disappear. In order to have fun in the room, Albie would have to be ■.
- 5** Albie played in the secret room whenever he was home. At school he thought about the fun he would have when he got home. His mom was worried when Albie's teacher sent home a note that said that Albie wasn't doing his homework. Albie wasn't doing his homework because he was too ■.
- 6** Even though his mom was worried about him, Albie couldn't tell her about the secret room. He didn't want the room to disappear! This made Albie feel sick and sorry. Albie was not used to ■.



- 7 Albie's teacher told the class their field trip to Waterworld had been cancelled. The class was disappointed. They tried to think of other fun places to go. Albie thought about telling the class his ■.
- 8 Albie could hardly eat or sleep. He wanted to share his secret room with his classmates, but he didn't want the room to disappear. Albie's secret was really ■ him.
- 9 Albie was tired of playing in the secret room by himself. If he couldn't share the fun with his friends, he didn't want the room at all. Albie decided to share his secret. Albie made an important ■.
- 10 Albie led his whole class to his house. He took the kids through his closet and into the secret room. They had a great time playing. It was the best field trip ever. Albie decided to trade his secret room for the happiness of his ■.
- 11 That night, Albie was so tired he didn't even mind that he would never see the secret room again. He fell asleep thinking about his happy friends and probably slept very ■.
- 12 When he woke up the next morning, Albie sleepily thought about the secret room. He knew it had disappeared. Then he heard his mom talking in an excited voice. She was telling him about something amazing in her closet! A ■ was in Mom's closet.

Tip

Think about the **hidden meaning** of the words, not just the words themselves.



Adapted from *Albie's Secret* by Claire Saxby

A	B	C	D	E	F
secret room	curious	decision	worry	alone	friends
lying	bothering	busy	soundly	secret	school
G	H	I	J	K	L

Objective: Examine paragraphs for important details; make inferences about the main character using clues in the text.

