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## Inferring Character Emotions and Thoughts

**Instructions:** Read the short passage below and answer the questions that follow. Try to figure out how the character is feeling and what they might be thinking, even if it isn't directly stated.

### Passage

Ella clutched her backpack tightly as she stood in front of the school doors. The sound of laughter and chatter drifted through the glass, but she hesitated. Her fingers trembled, and her eyes darted from side to side. She took a deep breath and stepped back, looking down at her shoes.



### Questions

1. How do Ella's actions help us understand how she is feeling?
2. What emotion do you think Ella is experiencing?
3. Why do you think she looked down at her shoes?
4. What might be going through Ella's mind as she stands in front of the doors?
5. What evidence from the passage supports your idea about her thoughts?