

## Insights Patrol Answer Key

1. **What can we tell about Darren's emotional state in this scene? Use at least one piece of evidence.**
  - He seems lonely and disappointed. Evidence: He's waiting long after others have gone and keeps checking his phone.
2. **What does Darren's response to the teacher suggest about what he wants others to think?**
  - He wants to appear okay and hide his true feelings. Saying "Just waiting" while avoiding eye contact shows he's trying to act normal.
3. **Why is it significant that Darren walks in the opposite direction from the bus stop?**
  - It suggests he may have been stood up by someone who was supposed to give him a ride or meet him. It also implies he doesn't want others to know that.
4. **What insight do you have about Darren's situation or relationships, based on the text? Support your answer with evidence.**
  - Darren may feel forgotten or let down by someone. His continued waiting and checking his phone suggest he was expecting someone who didn't show up.
5. **How does the setting (library steps after school, darkening sky) help us understand Darren's inner feelings?**
  - The lonely, fading setting mirrors his sadness or feeling of being left behind. It adds to the mood of disappointment and isolation.