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Literal and Inferred Meanings Answer Key

1.

- Literal: **B** – To walk slowly and reluctantly
- Inferred: **B** – Caleb’s nervousness is shown by “stomach felt like rocks”

2.

- Literal: **C** – To explain or clarify something
- Inferred: *The teacher helped the students understand the problem by making it clearer and easier to follow.*

3.

- Literal: **C** – To make a logical conclusion
- Inferred: **B** – Gina realized her brother had likely broken the vase based on clues