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Read Between the Lines

Instructions:

1. Read each passage carefully.
2. **Infer the character's emotion** (don't use generic words like "good" or "bad")
3. Then write a **1–2 sentence explanation** using evidence from the passage to support your answer.



Case 1: Liam stared at the clock, his pencil tapping a steady rhythm on his desk. He flipped through the textbook pages again, even though he had them nearly memorized. His foot bounced rapidly under the table.

Inferred Emotion: _____

Why? (Use context clues):

Case 2: The hallway was filled with music and laughter, but Aria lingered near the door. She smiled politely when someone waved but didn't move from her spot. Her arms were crossed, and she kept checking her phone.

Inferred Emotion: _____

Why? (Use context clues):

Case 3: Carlos slammed his locker shut harder than he meant to. His fists were clenched, and his jaw was tight. He walked past his friends without saying a word, his eyes staring straight ahead.

Inferred Emotion: _____

Why? (Use context clues):

Case 4: Jade spun in the living room, her arms outstretched. "It's really happening!" she yelled, grabbing her sister's hands and jumping in place. Her cheeks were flushed, and her eyes sparkled.

Inferred Emotion: _____

Why? (Use context clues):