

Implied But Proven Answer Key

Sample Answers:

1. **Implied Answer:** He was nervous because he was late.
Explicit Proof: "Jordan slipped inside, glancing nervously at the clock."
2. **Implied Answer:** He wasn't very prepared for class.
Explicit Proof: "His notebook was half open, with pages bent from being stuffed into his backpack."
3. **Implied Answer:** They found his entrance amusing.
Explicit Proof: "A few students giggled quietly."
4. **Implied Answer:** He wanted to avoid the teacher's attention.
Explicit Proof: "He avoided looking at Ms. Rivera and slid quickly into his seat."

Teacher Notes:

- Stress that every **inference must be tied to direct text evidence**.
- Encourage students to use quotation marks properly when citing explicit proof.
- Extension: Have students write one new **implied question** about the passage, then answer it with both an implied conclusion and an explicit quote.