

Lunchbox Clues Answer Key

1. **Explicit (E)** - The text says her backpack pocket was empty.
2. **Implied (I)** - Looking around after her stomach growled suggests embarrassment.
3. **Explicit (E)** - The text directly states she slumped and stared at the clock.
4. **Implied (I)** - The passage never says "forgot," but the empty pocket implies it.
5. **Explicit (E)** - The text says she walked past the serving line and sat down.
6. **Implied (I)** - Her actions (slumping, sitting alone) suggest disappointment.
7. **Explicit (E)** - The passage says "Her friend waved at her."
8. **Explicit (E)** - The text says "Sofia looked away," which shows she ignored the wave.
9. **Implied (I)** - Looking away and sitting alone suggests she wished to be with friends but didn't join them.
10. **Explicit (E)** - The passage says she "rested her head on her arms."
11. **Implied (I)** - "Trying to ignore the smell" suggests it bothered her.
12. **Explicit (E)** - "Sofia kept quiet" after the teacher smiled.
13. **Implied (I)** - The teacher's "gentle smile" suggests concern or care.
14. **Implied (I)** - Sitting alone while friends ate together suggests she felt left out.
15. **Implied (I)** - Her staring at the clock earlier and not engaging implies she wanted the lunch period to end.

Teacher Notes:

- Stress that **explicit answers can be quoted directly**, while **implied answers need reasoning plus evidence**.
- Discuss with students: "Which implied answers could have more than one reasonable interpretation?"
- Extension: Ask students to add **two new sentences** of their own: one explicit and one implied, and challenge a partner to label them correctly.