

Implied Conclusion Answer Key

Possible Implied Endings:

- The audience erupted in applause and cheered for Alex.
- Alex felt proud and relieved that he performed well.
- Alex may have won recognition or felt more confident about performing.

Supporting Explicit Clues:

- Alex's confidence grew after the shaky start ("this time more confidently").
- The audience leaned forward and listened quietly, showing interest.
- The stillness before the ending suggests the crowd was moved.

Teacher Notes:

- Stress that more than one implied ending can be correct, **as long as students use explicit text evidence to support it.**
- Encourage students to explain their reasoning (e.g., "The audience leaned forward → they were interested → they probably clapped at the end").
- Extension: Let students write two different possible endings and explain how the same clues support both.