

Stated Meets Suggested Answer Key

Matches:

1 → D. Daniel felt rushed because of the bad weather. (Walking quickly in heavy rain shows urgency.)

2 → C. Daniel did not have an umbrella of his own. (Noticing the umbrella and picking it up shows he needed one.)

3 → E. The umbrella had been used recently. (Water dripping suggests recent use.)

4 → B. The umbrella belonged to someone who had left it behind. (No one around but an umbrella left.)

5 → A. Daniel was relieved to find some protection from the rain. (His smile shows relief.)

Teacher Notes:

- This activity trains students to connect **direct text evidence** with **logical inferences**.
- Encourage students to explain *why* they paired each clue and inference (e.g., "He smiled after picking it up, which shows he was relieved").
- Extension: Have students write one **new implied statement** and identify the **explicit clue** that supports it.