# **Tapping Worry Answer Key**

## 1. Relationship Inference

- Model Answer: Ethan is likely very close to the patient, possibly a family member or dear friend, because he refuses to leave, sits silently, and focuses only on the person in the bed.
- *Teacher Note:* Accept any answer showing closeness (brother, parent, best friend) if supported with text evidence.

### 2. Emotional State

- Model Answer: His silence and avoidance of his phone suggest worry, fear, or sadness. He is too focused and anxious to engage in normal distractions.
- *Teacher Note:* Look for recognition of grief, fear, or nervousness.

#### 3. Situation Seriousness

- Model Answer: The beeping monitor, pale face of the patient, and Ethan's tense behavior imply a serious medical condition, not a routine visit.
- *Teacher Note:* Students should tie seriousness to medical details and atmosphere.

## 4. Foot Tapping

- Model Answer: The tapping shows nervous energy or restlessness, suggesting Ethan is anxious and cannot relax. It reveals inner tension even while he sits still.
- *Teacher Note:* Accept "impatience" or "nervousness" if explained.

## 5. Inner Feelings (Creative Inference)

- Model Answer: "I'm scared you won't wake up. I don't know what to do if you don't."
- *Teacher Note:* Encourage empathy. Answers should capture unspoken worry, fear, or love.

