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## Mud Clues Answer Key

### Possible Inferences:

1. **Where he was:** Alex was outside, most likely in the yard, a park, or walking home.
2. **What happened:** It probably rained, and he got caught in it while walking or playing.
3. **Clues:** "Shoes were covered in mud" and "drops of water dripped from his hair."

### Teacher Notes:

- Inference questions teach students to **read between the lines** and combine clues with their own knowledge.
- Accept multiple reasonable answers as long as students support them with **evidence from the passage**.
- Remind students that inferences are like **solving mysteries**; you need clues to make a smart guess.