

Frozen Choice Answer Key

1. Inner Conflict (Model Answer):

Marcus is torn between wanting to protect his friend Jonah and fearing the consequences of confronting the bullies.

2. Actions/Body Language (Model Answer):

His frozen stance, clenched then unclenched fists, shallow breathing, and heavy-feeling feet all suggest anxiety, hesitation, and fear.

3. Marcus's Fear (Model Answer):

He is likely afraid of becoming the bullies' next target, being hurt physically, or being humiliated in front of others.

4. Jonah's Feelings (Model Answer):

Jonah's pale face, silence, and tight grip on his backpack suggest that he feels scared, powerless, and desperate for help.

Teacher's Notes:

- Remind students that inferences are not guesses without evidence; they must be supported by the character's actions and description in the passage.
- Answers may be worded differently, but they should clearly show that Marcus feels conflicted and fearful while Jonah feels frightened and vulnerable.
- Encourage students to connect the physical details (body language, silence, descriptions) to emotions. This strengthens their ability to "read between the lines."