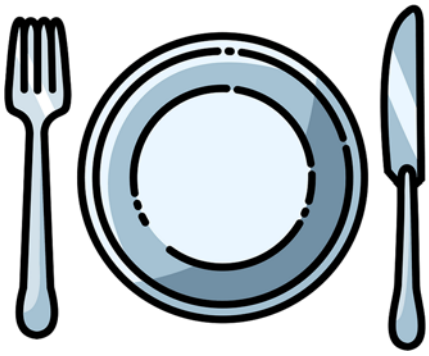
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## Hints And Glances

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully. Think about what the author suggests but does not directly say. Write your answers in complete sentences, explaining how you figured out the implied meaning or unstated idea.

Lila sat at the dinner table, slowly pushing peas around her plate. Her father asked how her day went, but she only shrugged and kept her eyes down. Her younger brother chattered happily about a game at recess, but Lila didn't join in. When her mother reminded her that tomorrow was the school play, Lila's fork clattered onto the plate. She mumbled something about not feeling ready and excused herself quickly to her room. From the hallway, her parents exchanged a worried glance.

1. What is Lila feeling, even though the passage doesn't directly state it?

2. What clues suggest why she might be feeling this way?

3. How do her parents' reactions add to your understanding of the situation?

4. If you were to describe the mood of the scene in one word, what would it be and why?

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