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Inference Hunt

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Answer the questions by circling the letter of the best inference (A, B, C, or D).

The Forgotten Practice

The basketball court echoed with the sound of bouncing balls as the team warmed up. Coach Rivera glanced at his watch and frowned. "Where's Daniel?" he muttered. The players shrugged, continuing their drills. Ten minutes later, Daniel rushed through the doors, his hair messy and his shoes untied. He avoided Coach Rivera's eyes as he grabbed a ball. During scrimmage, he missed several passes and tripped more than once. On the sidelines, his teammates whispered about how he had been yawning all day in class and how his backpack was stuffed with empty soda cans. After practice, Coach Rivera pulled him aside and said quietly, "If you want to be part of this team, you'll need to show up ready."

1. Why was Coach Rivera frowning before practice started?

- A. He thought the players were warming up too slowly.
- B. He was upset that Daniel had not arrived on time.
- C. He wanted the team to run more laps.
- D. He was disappointed by the size of the gym.

2. What do Daniel's untied shoes and messy hair suggest?

- A. He rushed to practice without preparing properly.
- B. He was trying out a new style to impress his friends.
- C. He forgot to bring the right equipment for practice.
- D. He had just finished running laps before arriving.

3. What might be a reason for Daniel's yawning and the empty soda cans in his bag?

- A. He had been saving cans for a recycling project.
- B. He skipped school to play video games with his friends.
- C. He was sick and needed to see a doctor immediately.
- D. He had been staying up late and drinking too much caffeine.

4. What does Coach Rivera's final comment imply?

- A. The coach wants Daniel to lead the team in the next game.
- B. The coach is impressed by Daniel's dedication.
- C. Daniel is in danger of being removed from the team if he doesn't improve.
- D. Daniel will be excused from all future practices.