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Lunchbox Lesson

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Answer the questions in **complete sentences**. Remember: The answers are not always stated directly in the text; you must **read between the lines** and use clues plus reasoning. Use evidence from the passage to support your inferences.

The Forgotten Lunch

As Mia walked into the cafeteria, she clutched her empty backpack pocket and frowned. She sat down quietly at the far end of a table, hoping no one would notice. Her friends chatted happily while unwrapping sandwiches and fruit. One friend slid half of a sandwich across the table toward Mia without saying a word. Mia's cheeks grew warm, but she smiled and whispered, "Thanks." She ate slowly, glancing around to see if anyone was watching. After lunch, Mia returned her tray, still thinking about her forgotten lunchbox on the kitchen counter at home. She promised herself she would double-check her bag the next morning.

1. Why did Mia sit quietly at the far end of the table?
2. How do you think Mia felt when her friend shared the sandwich? Explain your reasoning.
3. What can you infer about the kind of friend who gave Mia part of their lunch?
4. Why did Mia glance around while eating the sandwich?
5. What does Mia's promise to herself at the end show about her character?