Drawing Conclusions from Text

Name: _____ Date: _____

Instructions: Read the passage carefully. Use the clues in the text to answer the questions below. Think about what is happening, even when the story doesn't tell you directly! 🔍

The Mystery of the Missing Lunch

Sarah placed her lunchbox on her desk before going outside for morning break. When she came back, her lunchbox was still there, but her sandwich was gone. There were crumbs on her desk and a small puddle of water near her drink bottle.

Sarah noticed that the classroom window was wide open. She also saw muddy paw prints on the windowsill and on her desk. Outside, she could hear birds chirping loudly in the trees.

Tom, who sat next to Sarah, was reading his book quietly. "I didn't see anything," he said. "I was reading the whole time." His book was open to the same page as before break.

1. What most likely happened to Sarah's sandwich?

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2. What clues from the story help you draw this conclusion?

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3. Do you think Tom took the sandwich? Why or why not?

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4. How do you think the puddle of water got on Sarah's desk?

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5. What could Sarah do to prevent this from happening again?

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