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## Inference: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

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**Read the passages and answer the questions that follow.**

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Did Tori find Bill? Include at least one detail from the story to support your answer.

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“Some birthday this is turning out to be,” thought Sam. Instead of wishing him a happy birthday, Sam’s friends had been very quiet around him all day. At the baseball game this morning, all of his friends were whispering in the dugout, but they stopped when Sam walked up. Even his sister did not seem to want to talk to him. She was talking to Mom in the kitchen, but she left the room quickly when she saw Sam. Even Mom and Dad were acting a little strange. They told him the whole family had to go with his sister to dance practice—even though he and Dad normally get to stay home. “A lousy birthday,” thought Sam. As the drive to dance practice ended, Sam looked up. They were not at the dance studio, though. They were at the amusement park. Sam noticed several of his friends waving at him from the entrance. His mom turned around and said, “Surprise, Sam!”

What is happening? Give at least one detail from the story to support your answer.

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Why were Sam’s friends and sister quiet around him today?

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Do you think Sam’s birthday really turned out “lousy”? Give a detail to support your answer.

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## Answers--Inference: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

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*Answers will vary. Students should support their answer with details when asked.*

Did Tori find Bill? Include at least one detail from the story to support your answer.

*Yes. She heard "giggling" from the shed, and it must have been Bill. When she opens the door, her cousins see her "point, laugh, and jump up and down."*

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*Sam's family is surprising him for his birthday by going to the amusement park. They are not at the dance studio. Sam sees his friends near the gate, and his mom says, "Surprise".*

Why were Sam's friends and sister quiet around him today?

*They did not want to ruin the surprise. They might have been talking about the surprise, but when Sam walks up, they have to stop talking.*

Do you think Sam's birthday really turned out "lousy"? Give a detail to support your answer.

*No—his mom says "Surprise" which means that he is getting to go to the amusement park.*