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You can **infer** that Joseph won't be going swimming and that he will be disappointed.

Read each short passage and answer the questions that follow.

My dog Jack is very friendly, and he likes to be around people. Yesterday, our neighbors were having a party, and we all went over to cookout and swim at their house. We could hear Jack barking loudly from our backyard. After a little while, he got quiet, so we thought he had finally calmed down. But, several minutes later, all of the adults start laughing, and I see a black blur and hear a giant splash at the other end of the pool.

1. Why was Jack barking?

2. What was he doing when he got quiet?

3. What made the splash?

4. Give at least one detail from the passage to support your answer for number 2.

Mrs. Lance is my favorite teacher, but something is not right today. Mrs. Lance is sitting down at her desk more than usual, and she asked us to read a story silently and just answer the questions in the book. I glance back at her, and she is blowing her nose. A little while later, I see that her cheeks are kind-of red, and she is drinking a lot of water and eating some cough drops. After a little while, Mr. Dean, another teacher, comes into our classroom. Mrs. Lance takes her purse and leaves, while Mr. Dean stays.

5. What is wrong with Mrs. Lance?

6. Where did Mrs. Lance go when she left?

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He wants to be around the people at the party.

2. What was he doing when he got quiet?

He was escaping the backyard.

3. What made the splash?

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She is sick.

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She went home.

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