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Questioning

Warm-up #1



Directions

1. Look at the picture and the questions about the picture.
2. Determine if each question is *inferential* or *literal*.
3. Highlight, or circle, the question words that go with the literal questions, and underline the questions words that go with the inferential.
4. The first one is done for you.

1. **How many** people are in the picture? Literal question
2. What is the woman holding? _____
3. Do you think these people are wealthy? Why or why not? _____
4. When was this picture taken? _____
5. Where are they? _____
6. Are they stranded or are they taking a break? _____
7. How would you feel if you were in that situation? _____
8. What do you think happened right before this picture was taken? _____
9. Who is standing up? _____
10. Why are they in the middle of a field? _____

Write the question words and/or phrases from above in the appropriate column:

Literal	Inferential
1. How many?	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.



Warm-up #2

Directions: Please write one literal and one inferential question about the excerpt below. If you need assistance look at the chart you created in warm-up #1 that has literal/inferential question words and phrases.

Advertising affects our lives every day. We start each day using the toothpaste, soap, and breakfast foods promoted by advertisers. Ads have made the cars we drive signs of our success. Our choices of food, dress, and entertainment are swayed by ads. Not one aspect of American life is untouched by advertising.

Literal Question

Inferential Question

Warm-up #3

Directions: Please summarize the excerpt below and write one literal and one inferential question about the excerpt.

Britney Spears is a pop music star. Her first album, *Baby One More Time*, came out in 1999. It sold 11 million copies worldwide! In 2000, Britney’s fans snapped up her second album, *Oops! . . . I Did It Again*. They can’t get enough of her music.

- 1. W _____
- 2. W _____
- 3. W _____
- 4. W _____

Literal Question

Inferential Question



Warm-up #4

Directions: Please summarize the excerpt below and write one literal and one inferential question about the excerpt.

Penicillin is one of the greatest of the wonder drugs. It has saved thousands of lives already and will save many more in the future. Unfortunately, it has no effect at all on most of the ills of mankind. Penicillin is a very good drug, but it is certainly not a cure-all.

- 1. W _____
- 2. W _____
- 3. W _____
- 4. W _____

Literal Question

Inferential Question



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