

Making Inferences

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Explain the clues you used to work out your answer.

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"Oh no... Which one do we normally buy?" he mumbled as he looked from one jar to the next. Bert tried to rack his brain, but his memory just wasn't what it used to be. He decided he would have to call Marg again.

Where is Bert? _____

Clues:

How old do you think Bert is? _____ Who is Marg? _____

Clues:

Clues:

2

Hands aching, Sal clutched the slippery rope as tightly as she could. "Mum! Dad! I'm scared!" she yelled down as the winch pulled her higher and higher. Her parents were holding each other, waving up to her. Sal could see her dad was shouting something, but all she could hear was the roar of the engine. A moment ago, she was standing on the roof of their house with her parents, and now she was watching them get smaller and smaller. Sal turned her attention to the rest of the town. Just about everything was covered with water, and rain was still falling. Sal closed her eyes as the strong wind blew her from side to side.

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Where is Bert? **Bert is in a supermarket.**

Clues: **Aisle seven, trolley, shelves, normally buy.**

How old do you think Bert is? **Answers will vary.** Who is Marg? **Wife**

Clues: **Carefully let go, slowly reached up, memory not what it used to be.** Clues: **Normally buy, call Marg.**

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What is happening to Sal? **Sal is being pulled to safety by a helicopter.**

Clues: **Winch puller her higher, roar of engine, standing on roof.**

Why were Sal and her parents on the roof? **The town was flooding.**

Clues: **Covered with water, rain still falling.**