

Making Inferences

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Jaz took a deep breath.

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Where is Oman? **In a desert.**

What time of the day is it? **Late afternoon.**

Clues: **Nothing but sand, oasis.**

Clues: **Shadows getting longer, temperature dropping, sun won't be able to guide him.**

How long do you think Oman has been walking? **Days (answers may vary).**

Clues: **dry mouth, aching feet, supplies, sun and stars guiding him.**

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What is happening? **Jaz is competing in a pie eating competition.**

Clues: **Audience, pie on the bench, rules, competitors, loudspeaker.**

Do you think this is Jaz's first time? **Answers will vary.**

Clues: **Answers will vary (eg. she was on track, review the rules).**