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# THE POLAR EXPRESS

## Inferences

**Directions:** For each question, use the information provided (sentences from *The Polar Express*) to make an inference. Your inferences should be supported with a “because” and written in complete sentences.

**Example:**

Book Clue: I did not rustle the sheets. I breathed slowly and silently.

My Inference: The boy is listening for something *because* he is trying not to make any noise.

1. Book Clue: A conductor stood at the open door of one of the cars. He took a large pocket watch from his vest, then looked up at my window. I put on my slippers and robe. I tiptoed downstairs and out the door. “All aboard,” the conductor cried out.

My Inference:

2. Book Clue: Soon there were no more lights to be seen. We traveled through cold, dark forests, where lean wolves roamed and white tailed rabbits hid from our train as it thundered through the quiet wilderness. We climbed mountains so high it seemed as if we would scrape the moon. But the Polar Express never slowed down.

My Inference:

3. Book Clue: I shook the bell. It made the most beautiful sound my sister and I had ever heard. But my mother said, “Oh that’s too bad.” “Yes,” said my father, “it’s broken.” When I’d shaken the bell, my parents had not heard a sound.

My Inference: