



Explicit Information

Explicit information is information that the author specifically states. Explicit information does not require the reader to make any assumptions or to use their imagination in order to get the meaning of the passage. When an author says something explicitly, they say exactly what they mean in a straightforward way.

Directions: Read the paragraph. Put a check mark next to the items that are explicitly communicated by the text.

Martha stood outside the clothing store, looking at the hat in the display window. It was red, with a yellow ribbon around its brim. That would really look nice with my brown hair, Martha thought to herself. Still, she stood on the sidewalk, biting her lip. People passed. One or two stopped and stood beside Martha from time to time, and looked in the window, too. Some went inside. Some walked on. Still, Martha stood outside, occasionally shifting her weight from one foot to another, studying the hat, mentally adding up how much money she had to get her through till her next paycheck.

- _____ 1. Martha has brown hair.
- _____ 2. The hat is red with a yellow ribbon around its brim.
- _____ 3. Martha is outside the clothing store.
- _____ 4. Martha likes hats.
- _____ 5. Martha is undecided about whether or not to buy the hat.
- _____ 6. Martha does not have a lot of extra money.