

Drawing Conclusions

DIRECTIONS: Read each paragraph, then answer the questions. Write the words or phrases that you used as clues to arrive at your answer.

1. John packed sand tightly into his red plastic bucket and ran his hand across the top of it to smooth the surface. Then he walked to the water's edge, turned his bucket over, let the packed sand slide out, and pulled the bucket up to leave another watch tower along his growing castle wall. He knelt down and used his finger to hollow out the top of the tower in the middle, about an inch down, and pressed down with two fingers all around its raised edge to make spaces for the castle guards to fire their weapons from.

What is John doing?

CLUES:

2. May lifted the bowl up from the ground and dumped the water into the sink. Then she turned on the faucet and refilled it. She let water run into it almost to the top, even as the bowl grew heavy in her hand, so that the tiny puppy would be able to reach it when it stood beside George to drink. She turned the water off and set the bowl back down into the floor. Then she opened the cupboard door. At the sound, both dogs came scrambling into the kitchen. The puppy ran so fast that she couldn't stop in time. With a thud, she slid against the cabinet door just as May closed it again.

What is about to happen?

CLUES:

