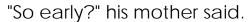
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## Inferences

It was barely dark outside when Toby insisted that he be tucked into bed.



"I'm tired," Toby insisted.

"Okay then," his mother said.

Toby glanced at the Christmas tree with butterflies in his stomach. Then he ran down the hallway to his room. His mother followed. She tucked the covers up around his chin and kissed him on the forehead.

"I'll see you in the morning," she said. "Not too early!"

"Okay," Toby said. He faked a large yawn.

As soon as his mother had shut the door, Toby jumped out of bed and ran to the window and looked out across the neighbors' rooftops. The stars were glistening brightly in the sky. It was fully dark now. He would be here soon, and Toby was determined not to miss him.

1. What day is it?	
What words helped you to know?	
2. Who is Toby hoping not to miss?	
What words helped you to know?	

