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Inferred Meanings



DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. Infer the meaning of the underlined word. Then look up the word you chose in the dictionary. Did you infer the correct meaning?

1. I only gave him cursory attention because I was busy.

careful hasty Were you correct? _____

2. He's not conventionally attractive, but he's really charismatic.

compelling busy Were you correct? _____

3. Historically, explorers have not been kind to indigenous peoples.

strange native Were you correct? _____

4. I was incensed by their lack of concern for their child.

sweet-smelling furious Were you correct? _____

5. I found the prospect of the job interview daunting.

exciting intimidating Were you correct? _____

6. Hank is taking all the rudimentary subjects his first year of college.

advanced basic Were you correct? _____

7. I told them the truth about what happened, but they were incredulous.

believing disbelieving Were you correct? _____

8. Thank you for such a lucid explanation. That helped a lot.

confusing clear Were you correct? _____