

Personal Mail

This task is about making inferences by identifying information in a story.

Read the story "Personal Mail" pages 48 - 49, School Journal, Pt 3, No. 1, 1991 and follow the instructions.

Read the following sentences and select whether each one is true or false. In the space below each sentence, write some words from the story that help explain whether the sentence is **true or false**. This first one has been done for you.

a) The boy in the story lives near a river. **True/False**

Explain your answer:

Down behind our place flows the muddy old river.

b) The water in the river flows quickly.

True

False

Explain your answer.

c) When the boy first reads the letter he thinks it is a bit of a joke.

True

False

Explain your reasons.

d) The reason the boy decides not to show the letter around at school is that he is worried he will get into trouble.

True

False

Explain your answer.

e) The boy has lots of friends.

True

False

Explain your answer.

f) The boy throws the bottle out to sea because he thinks it will have a better chance of floating to another place than it will in the river.

True

False

Explain your answer.

g) The boy is the sort of person who notices how other people are feeling.

True

False

Explain your answer.

h) The boy never tells Amy about finding her letter.

True

False

Explain your answer.

i) The boy wants to believe that the bottle will arrive in Australia or America

True

False

Explain your answer.

j) Briefly describe a time when you felt a bit like the boy in this story.

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