

ARGUMENTS AND EVIDENCE

Read the given passages and answer the questions that follow.

A. Karl looked all around the crowded shopping mall. There was no sign of his mother anywhere. A terrible fear gripped him and tears of panic began to well up in his eyes.

1. It seems reasonable to conclude that:

- a. It is the day before Christmas.
- b. Karl is lost.
- c. Karl has been kidnapped.

B. The buzzing and grinding noises had stopped and were replaced by a high-pitched whir. Zach removed his pencil and closely inspected the tip. It still wasn't sharp enough. Zach pushed the pencil back into the sharpener. The high-pitched noise returned. Zach withdrew the pencil and took another look at the tip. It was just as dull as before.

1. Based on the text, which of the following is the correct inference?

- a. Zach needed a no. 2 pencil to write his answers on a test.
- b. Zach was using an electric pencil sharpener.
- c. None of the answers are reasonable.

2. Which of the following is the correct evidence for the given statement?

Sharpening the pencil did not make any difference to the tip of the pencil.

- a. Grinding noises were replaced by high-pitched whir.
- b. The pencil was just as dull as before.
- c. None of the above.

