Inference Exercises

Time *(when)* Questions

The following exercises are an introduction to inference and time.

Age Range: 8 – 10

1) The sun's light began to filter into the kitchen just as Peter began to sip his first coffee of the day.

   Question: What part of the day is it?
   Answer: _____

2) Dad positioned the tree in the corner of the lounge room. We then draped tinsel and decorations on the tree.

   Question: What part of the year is it?
   Answer: _____

3) Kathy scraped ice off her windshield. She blew on her mittened fingers to help warm them.

   Question: What season is it likely to be?
   Answer: _____

4) Sam stripped to his board shorts, ran down to the beach and joyfully threw himself into the surf.

   Question: What season is it likely to be?
   Answer: _____

5)   Ben stayed in the bath till his fingertips began to go all wrinkly.

        Question: How long was Ben in the bath?
        Answer: _____

6)   I got to the post office just in time. It was about to close for the day.

        Question: What time is it likely to be?
        Answer: _____

7)   I forgot to check on the roast potatoes. By the time I remembered, it was too late. They were burnt. They were only meant to be in the oven for 20 minutes.

        Question: How long were the potatoes in the oven?
        Answer: _____

8)   The alarm clock went off. I reached over and turned it off. It was still a little dark but would soon become lighter.

        Question: What part of the day is it?
        Answer: _____

9)   I needed to go to the bank, but it was still early. When I arrived the bank manager opened the doors and indicated that the bank was now open.

        Question: What time of the day is it likely to be?
        Answer: _____

10)   I put on my school uniform, brushed my teeth and ran down to catch the school bus. I made it just in time.

        Question: What time of the day is it likely to be?
        Answer: _____