*Instructions: Read the following passage and decide: (a) what observations Inspector Richards made and (b) what inferences were based on each observation.*

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**Murder?**

The rain had just stopped. Inspector Richards arrived at the house at 2 P.M. The front door was locked. He pried open the door and went in. Mrs. Williams was lying in bed. She was dead. The bedroom window faced the garden. The window was open and there were several small puddles of water between Mrs. Williams’s bed and the window. The woman was wearing a pearl necklace, and there was a bottle of pills on the night table near the bed. Mr. Williams was out of town on business. Because Mrs. Williams was still wearing her pearls, robbery could not have been the motive. It was obviously a case of murder. The murderer must have come in through the bedroom window and killed Mrs. Williams. The puddles of water were probably left by his shoes.

**OBSERVATIONS:**

**1. Small puddles in the bedroom.**

**2. Open window.**

**3. Door was locked.**

**4. Rain stopped recently.**

**INFERENCES:**

**1. It wasn’t a robbery.**

**2. It was a murder.**

**3. Murderer came in through the window.**

**4. Puddles of water were left by his shoes.**