



# Inference detectives: Looking for clues **SM31B**

## Assignment 2

Your name/s ..... Date .....

Read the excerpts and write your inferences in the box below.

Think about . . .

- Who the character might be (old, young, sporty, brainy etc)
- What kind of person the character is (kind, thoughtful, nasty, selfish etc.)
- How the character is feeling at that moment and why
- Where and when this action is taking place

1 Regan's heart began to race. He could feel it pounding in his chest. His mouth was dry and his breathing shallow. How was he even going to be able to speak he wondered. All Regan could see was a blur of faces. His mother would be sitting there, back upright as still as a statue, waiting. No doubt she would have pushed her way to a seat somewhere in the front row.

'And now we have Regan Sharp,' announced his teacher.

2 The wind raged like an angry bull in a bad temper. Huge waves crashed mercilessly on the reef. Palm fronds thrashed about uncontrollably and coconuts were falling like bombs to the ground. Sue looked in dismay out the window.

'I guess snorkelling is out of the question?' her husband joked.

3 Sarah deliberately chose holiday destinations that were **remote**, where she could be all alone and not be hounded by the press. Her life was so busy that she usually spent the first few days just sleeping. Best of all, she didn't have to worry about what she looked like here. She could wear her comfortable jeans with the hole in the knee and a baggy T-shirt; a bit different to her normal **attire** when she was on location.

**Extra for experts:** Use the 'contextual clues' to infer the meaning of the two words in bold in the last excerpt. Go detectives!