Inference Exercise 2 Worksheet

Every weekday, Bob leaves home at a quarter past seven to take his two children to school. His daughter Emma goes first, because her school is on the other side of the city. Bob has learned to leave early, because after half past seven the main road is often stuck with traffic.

Emma sings in the back seat, usually the same song three days in a row. Her little brother Ben sleeps with his head against the window, with his school bag still open, resting on his knees. Last Tuesday, Bob forgot his phone and had to drive back home for it. He reached the office at ten to nine instead of half past eight.

His manager, Mr Evans, looked at the clock but only said, "Busy morning?" Bob smiled and made his first coffee of the day. At his desk he found forty-two new emails. He read three of them, sighed, and went to make a second cup. "Tomorrow," he told himself, "I check for my phone before I leave the kitchen."

Answer these 5 questions

1. Why does Bob leave home early?
a) The roads become very busy later in the morning.
b) Emma's school opens before seven.
c) His manager starts work early.
d) Ben wakes up early.

2. How late was Bob for work on Tuesday?
a) five minutes
b) ten minutes
c) twenty minutes
d) thirty minutes

3. What does Mr Evans's response suggest about his management style?
a) He prefers to discuss every small mistake.
b) He is understanding when employees have occasional problems.
c) He does not notice when employees arrive late.
d) He expects employees to explain everything.

4. What does the passage suggest about Ben?
a) He is afraid of travelling by car.
b) He is often still tired and not ready in the morning.
c) He does not like his sister's singing.
d) He is older than Emma.

5. What will Bob probably do differently the next morning?
a) Leave his children at home.
b) Start work later.
c) Check that he has everything before leaving.
d) Ask his manager to help with his emails.

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