Improving Your Reading with Inference Iggy:
Lily and the Tooth Fairy

Tomorrow was the school trip to the chocolate factory and Lily was trying to get to sleep. Her tooth was wobbly and she really wanted it to fall out. If it did, the tooth fairy could leave her some money to buy a scrumptious Choccy-Choc-Choc bar!

But the tooth would not come out! Lily tried to put it out of her mind and fall asleep.

"Lily..."

Lily thought she heard someone, so she opened her eyes.

"Hello, Lily," said a glowing little creature.

"Oh-my-goodness!" Lily shrieked.

"I didn't mean to scare you," the little creature said. "My name is Pixie-Dust and I am here for your tooth."

The little creature looked like a tiny princess. She had small wings, a wand and she was wearing a twinkly green dress.

"I am sorry," Lily said, "but my tooth hasn't come out!" As she was talking, her tongue rolled across her wobbly tooth... but it wasn't there! Lily felt her pillow. There was something small and hard! "My tooth!" she squealed. "It did come out!"

Pixie-Dust flew over and took the tooth. "Thank you," she said. Then she waved her glittering wand.

When Lily woke up, she felt her wobbly tooth. It was missing! She remembered an unusual dream about a little tooth fairy. "How strange," she said with a yawn. Then she felt something hard under her pillow.

It was a coin!

Lily quickly got dressed. She couldn't wait for the school trip to the chocolate factory. Now she could buy a delicious Choccy-Choc-Choc bar!

"Thank you," Lily whispered, and somewhere in a far-off land, a little fairy smiled.

1. Why was Lily having trouble falling asleep? Tick **one.**

- ☐ She had eaten lots of sugar.
- ☐ She was thinking about her wobbly tooth.
- ☐ She was waiting for Pixie-Dust.
- ☐ She had gone to bed too early.

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Lily shrieked because...
Tick **one.**

- ☐ She was shocked to see the little creature.
- ☐ She was scared of the dark.
- ☐ Her tooth had started to hurt.
- ☐ She was excited for the school trip.

3. *"Lily..."*
Lily thought she heard someone, so she opened her eyes.
Who do you think said Lily's name?

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4. **Give two phrases** from the text which show that Lily was excited when she woke up.

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6. Explain why the little creature might have looked like a tiny princess.

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Lily received money for her tooth.		
The tooth fairy wanted Lily to buy a Choccy-Choc-Choc bar.		
The tooth fairy knows that Lily thanked her.		

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   You can tell that Lily was tired because she yawns when she says 'how strange'.

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