Inferencing is when you come up with an opinion or conclusion about something based on clues from the text. You can use schema, or what you already know, to help you find out information that is not “right there” in the text.

Read the following story and answer the questions to help solve the mystery!

The Garden Mystery!

Mulberry Springs Elementary School has a community garden. Before school on Friday, Mrs. Peter’s class helped clean it up. The students pulled weeds and watered the other crops and flowers. On Monday, they noticed that some carrots and lettuce had been pulled out of the ground. Jasper looked closer to the ground and found tiny prints. Joy found tiny bite marks on some of the lettuce and carrots.

1. Based on the information from the story, what can you infer happened to the lettuce and carrots?

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2. What information from the text helped you come to your conclusion?

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