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Drawing Conclusions

Read the passage carefully. Answer the questions.

Riley Roars the River

Riley was born during the loudest thunderstorm anyone in Dusty Flats could remember. The neighbors said the thunder didn't scare Riley—it followed him around to learn how to be loud. By the time he could walk, Riley's footsteps made the ground shake like a tiny earthquake.

When Riley was eight, the town faced a big problem. The Dusty Flats River had dried up. Crops were wilting, animals were thirsty, and people were worried. Riley took one look at the cracked riverbed and grinned.

"I'll bring it back," he said.

Riley stomped upstream until he reached the mountains. He scooped up clouds with his bare hands and squeezed them like sponges. Rain poured down, filling the river faster than anyone had ever seen. When the water rushed toward town, it came so strong that it started to flood the fields.

So Riley ran alongside the river, shouting so loudly that the water listened. His voice boomed across the valley, and the river slowed, settling calmly back into its banks.

By sunset, the fields were green again, the animals were splashing happily, and the townspeople cheered. Riley just tipped his hat and walked away, his footsteps echoing like distant thunder.

To this day, folks in Dusty Flats say that when the river roars after a storm, it's just Riley reminding it who's in charge.

What can you conclude about Riley's personality based on how he responds to the town's problem?

- A. He is afraid of responsibility
- B. He enjoys helping others
- C. He wants to cause trouble
- D. He does not care about the town

Which detail helps you conclude that this story is a tall tale?

- A. The town has farms and animals
- B. Riley walks to the mountains
- C. Riley squeezes clouds to make rain
- D. The river dries up