

# Kevin's Phone

**DIRECTIONS:** Make an inference to answer each question. Cite textual evidence to support your answer.

Kevin's phone chirped again. His mother looked up from the sauce she was stirring. "Are you going to get that?" she asked. Kevin shrugged. His mother raised her eyebrows at him and looked back down at the sauce. She shook some oregano into her palm and sprinkled it into the pot. She stirred the sauce again, and again, and then suddenly she pulled the spoon out of the pot and slammed it onto the counter, harder than she meant to.

"Why aren't you looking at that text?" she asked in exasperation.

"I just don't feel like it," Kevin said. "Okay?"

"No, it's not okay," his mother said. "He's your father. You ought to respect him enough to respond to him. He's trying."

"Fathers don't text their sons," Kevin practically spat out the words. "They call. Or they show up. Fathers don't text."

"He's the only father you have."

"Yeah..." Kevin said. "I know."



1. Are Kevin's parents together?
2. Is this the first time that Kevin and his mother have argued about Kevin's father?
3. How does Kevin feel about his father?
4. How does Kevin's mother feel about his father?