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Accept any sensible answer, such as: I think that the author chose not to reveal the answer so that it was more interesting for the reader to work out the answer. It's like a puzzle.



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Accept any sensible deduction, such as: I think that Scott broke the vase because he said that he had been dusting the corners of the house when we know that the house is a circle and doesn't have corners.