



Inference



An inference is “reading between the lines” to understand things not directly stated by the author. Inferences are based on information stated in text as well as what is known from personal experience which relates to the passage being read.

TIPS:

Making inferences means making a guess based on information. Prior knowledge and details are needed for inferences. Predictions are what the reader thinks will happen.

Conclusions can be drawn from thinking about the facts or details in the text.

Inference question starters

- From the title/heading, can you predict what the text will be about
- Why do you think this.....?
- Why did that happen / Why do you think the character did that.....?
- How do you know that
- What might happen if
- What can you tell from the picture on the page?
- Why do they? How do you know?
- Do you think? Why do you think that?
- Why does the author use the word?
- What is the author meaning when they write...?/What message is the author trying to give?
- What probably caused?
- What might happen next?
- How might that character feel at that point in the story?
- Have you read any other stories like this one?

