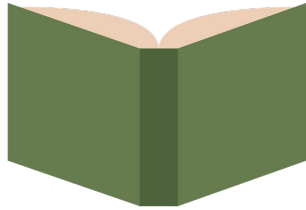


Inferencing - Part 1

Using Pictures and Texts

When authors don't tell everything about characters and events, readers have to use story clues and background knowledge to make an inference.



Text Clues

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Schema
(Background
Knowledge)

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Inference

When you make an inference, you go beyond the author's words to understand what is not said in the text.

Inferring Thinking Stems

- My guess is...
- Maybe...
- Perhaps...
- It could be that...
- This could mean...
- I predict....
- I can conclude that...

Use all your 5 senses to help you make an inference as well!



Remember to have support in your answer.
What makes you think that?

Watch this...



We can make inferences about pictures:



I think the boy enjoyed his donut **because** he is smiling. People smile when they like things.

Now you try!



I think.....

Because.....



I think.....

Because.....



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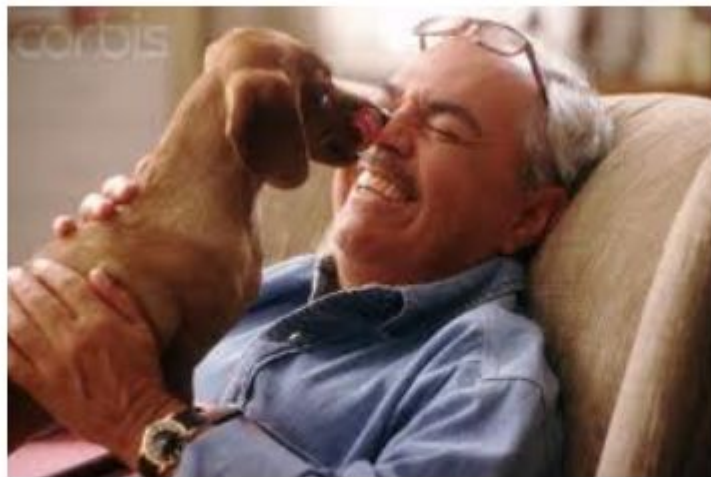
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Now we will try it with a text:

The Laundry

One of Lee and Kim's chores is to do the laundry. They are supposed to sort, wash, dry, fold, and hand the clothes. One day, their mom noticed a lot of clean laundry crumpled in a pile on the bed. As soon as she put her hand on the pile, she realized it had been there only a moment and Lee and Kim soon finished their job.

How did their mom know the laundry had been there for only a moment?

- She felt with her hand that the laundry was still warm from the dryer.
- The clean laundry was on the bed.
- The laundry was crumpled in a pile.

Now you try!

Pizza

Lee and Kim agreed with their mom that they would heat a small pizza in the oven when they got home from school. After they had eaten the pizza, they would clean up. Then they would go to the park with friends. Later that afternoon, their mom came home from work. As she walked into the kitchen, she saw no sign of any mess. "Hmmm," she said, "the children have eaten and they've gone out to play."

How did their mom know the children had come home, eaten pizza, and gone out to play?

Example responses:

- She came home at 4:00pm
- She could smell the aroma of pizza.
- The oven was still warm.

Let Them Eat Cake

Mom was ready to set the table for dinner. When she went into the dining room, Jim's book was on the table. It had brown fingerprints on it. She moved his things and went ahead and set the table. After dinner, Mom went to get the chocolate cake she had baked for dessert, but there was a huge piece missing! When she went back into the dining room, she looked at everyone seated around the table. Then she asked Jim how he liked the cake.

Mom knew who had eaten the cake. How did she know?

Example responses:

- There was a piece of cake missing.
- She looked to see who had eaten the least for dinner.
- She remembered the brown fingerprints on Jim's book.

Who's Calling?

The four children shouted goodbye to their dad as they left for a friend's house. They were all going to ride their bikes. Later, Dad went into the garage to get the rake and noticed that one of the bikes had a flat tire. In a while, Mom yelled out to him that one of the children had called and needed a ride home. Before Mom told him which one of the children called, Dad said, "I'll go pick up Maria."

How did Dad know Maria needed a ride home?

Example responses:

- Maria told him she would need a ride home before she left.
- The bike in the garage with the flat tire was Maria's.
- Maria's bicycle had been stolen.