

READING COMPREHENSION : MAKING INFERENCES

Hi guys! I hope having classes this way suits you since you can learn to be more independent and that is definitely great!

In this class you will learn to make inferences so you can become a better and faster reader.

Activity 1

In the poster below you will find a simple and clear explanation of what an inference is.

Read it carefully to do the exercises.

Make INFERENCES

How do readers make inferences?

Good readers make inferences by using their background knowledge and text evidence together in order to understand the text.



The text says... + I already know... = So I can infer...

Readers make inferences to figure out things about characters and events in the text that the author doesn't directly tell them.

1. **First**, think "What does the text tell me?"
2. **Then**, think "What do I already know?"
3. **Lastly**, think "So, what can I infer?"

THINKING STEMS:	Based on what I read and what I already know...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I can predict that...because...• This could mean...• My guess is...

Activity 2

Read the paragraphs below. Think about where the narrator is in each short story.

Try to picture the setting. Check the best answer where the story takes place.

<p>1. I sat with my toes in the hot sand digging a hole with my new shovel and pail. I turned to grab my sandwich and noticed a seagull flying away with it. Since I had no lunch, I grabbed my snorkel and headed into the waves.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> grocery store<input type="checkbox"/> circus<input type="checkbox"/> school<input type="checkbox"/> beach
<p>2. I sat in my seat excitedly watching the man swing from pole to pole. Far under him 2 elephants carried ladies with feathers in their hair. I ate my popcorn as I watched 8 clowns pile out of a tiny car.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> dentist<input type="checkbox"/> circus<input type="checkbox"/> bowling alley<input type="checkbox"/> beach
<p>3. We ran from hay bale to hay bale trying not to step on any cow pies. Uncle Joe picked us up with his tractor and gave us some fresh milk to drink. We helped with the garden and fed the chickens.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> farm<input type="checkbox"/> theater<input type="checkbox"/> beach<input type="checkbox"/> school
<p>4. Dad let me carry the basket. It was very heavy. I reached high to pick the shiniest ones I could find. I took a few bites as we walked along. When we go home with our collection, mom is going to make some pies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> grocery store<input type="checkbox"/> orchard<input type="checkbox"/> school<input type="checkbox"/> beach
<p>5. I waited patiently for my dinner to be brought to the table. All of our food was carried over on a big, round tray. Lots of other families were eating dinner, also. When we were through, Dad left the waitress a big tip.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> zoo<input type="checkbox"/> circus<input type="checkbox"/> restaurant<input type="checkbox"/> mall

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Activity 3

A . **Read** each **passage carefully**.

B . **Answer** the **questions** by **making inferences** using your **own knowledge** and the **clues** in the **text**.

Jessica was snoring loudly at her desk. It was the middle of the day but she just couldn't keep her eyes open. She had been up all night studying for this test and now she couldn't even concentrate. The words were blurry and she couldn't focus on each question. At the end of the hour she handed the test to the teacher with a heavy heart. She wasn't looking forward to getting her results back for this test!

1. How is Jessica feeling? How do you know?

2. How do you think Jessica did on the test? How do you know?

Jacob was playing happily outside. He was building sandcastles and digging holes with his bucket and shovel. Suddenly it starts pouring with rain, so he had to run quickly inside the house. Jacob's Mum was glad that he didn't get too wet and she put his jumper in front of the heater.

1. Why did Jacob's Mum put he jumper in front of the heater? How do you know?

2. Where was Jacob playing? How do you know?
