

An **inference** is something that **may be true based** on **information** that we have.

- ▶ **Inferences** are supported by **the text**.
- ▶ An **inference** is **not written in the text**.

### **Inference: Theo is at the movies.**

<sup>1</sup>Theo stood in line before the doors opened. <sup>2</sup>There was a very long line of people waiting to get in. <sup>3</sup>As he walked inside, he could smell popcorn and hot dogs. <sup>4</sup>As the crowd of people searched for their seats, Theo sat down and **made sure his cell phone was turned off**. <sup>5</sup>Then the **lights went out, and everyone got very quiet**.

### **Not an example of an inference:**

There was a very long line of people waiting to get in.

### **CFU**

Which sentence would best support the **inference that Theo is at the movies**? Explain.

- A** Theo almost spilled his drink because it was too dark.
- B** Theo couldn't keep his eyes off the big screen.

Why is "Theo stood in line before the doors opened" NOT an inference?

In your own words, what is an inference?

- 1 Read the question and identify the inference. (circle)
- 2 Read the text and identify text that support the inference. (underline)
- 3 Support the inference by citing the text. (write)

**1 Which words and phrases in the passage support the inference that Maria is running late to school?**

<sup>1</sup>Maria rolled over in her bed. <sup>2</sup>The sun was shining through her window warming her face. <sup>3</sup>She felt relaxed and happy basking in the sun. <sup>4</sup>Struggling to open her eyes, she blinked at the clock and froze. <sup>5</sup>“Oh, NO!” she screamed.

<sup>6</sup>Maria jumped out of bed, threw on some clothes, brushed her teeth, and snatched her backpack. <sup>7</sup>She sprinted out the door towards the bus stop.

**2 Which sentence from the text best supports the inference?**

### Extended Thinking

**Why is “She sprinted out the door towards the bus stop” not an inference?**

**Explain why “She felt relaxed and happy basking in the sun” does not support the inference?**

- 1 Read the question and identify the inference. (circle)
- 2 Read the text and identify text that support the inference. (underline)
- 3 Support the inference by citing the text. (write)

**3 Which words and phrases in the passage support the inference that Crystal's dad ran over her bike?**

<sup>1</sup>Crystal enjoyed riding her bike through the neighborhood. <sup>2</sup>The only problem was that she would throw her bike down wherever she stopped. <sup>3</sup>More than once she had left her bicycle in the driveway. <sup>4</sup>Several times her dad warned her not to do that. <sup>5</sup>One morning as her dad was leaving for work, Crystal heard a crashing sound outside.

**4 Which sentence from the text best supports the inference?**

### Extended Thinking

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## Skill Closure

- 1 Read the question and identify the inference. (circle)
- 2 Read the text and identify text that support the inference. (underline)
- 3 Support the inference by citing the text. (write)

- 1 Which words and phrases in the passage support the inference that the season is summer?**

<sup>1</sup>There were lots of fresh fruits and vegetables being sold on the side of the road. <sup>2</sup>The days were longer, and the air felt very hot. <sup>3</sup>People were getting their pools and water toys ready to use. <sup>4</sup>As for the children, they were out of school and spent all day swimming in the public pool.

- 2 Which sentence from the text best supports the inference?**

## Concept Closure

**Write a sentence to explain.**

Why is "The air felt very hot" NOT an inference in this passage?

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## Summary Closure

**What did you learn today about drawing inferences from text?**

### Word Bank

inference  
text  
support  
quote  
quotation

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**1. Underline words and phrases in the passage support the inference that Peter is going fishing with his grandpa?**

<sup>1</sup>It was very early Saturday morning when my grandpa woke me up and told me to get ready. <sup>2</sup>I put on my water boots and jacket and met Grandpa outside. <sup>3</sup>"Here you go, Peter. <sup>4</sup>Use the flashlight to guide us to the boat," whispered Grandpa. <sup>5</sup>Once we reached the boat, Grandpa put down the tackle box and fishing poles. <sup>6</sup>We got in the boat and put on our life jackets. <sup>7</sup>"Ready, Peter?" asked Grandpa. <sup>8</sup>Grandpa rowed the boat to the middle of the lake where we would cast out our lines.

**2. Which sentence from the text best supports the inference?**

**3. Underline words and phrases in the passage support the inference that Elias will not go in the Haunted House?**

<sup>1</sup>Elias and Juanita were excited about going to the amusement park. <sup>2</sup>Juanita wanted to ride all the big, fast rides. <sup>3</sup>Elias wanted to ride all the small rides. <sup>4</sup>Elias rode with his mom on all the small rides. <sup>5</sup>Juanita, on the other hand, rode all the big, fast rides with her dad. <sup>6</sup>The last ride of the day was the Haunted House. <sup>7</sup>Juanita told Elias they can ride it together because it was not a roller coaster. <sup>8</sup>But, as they got closer to the front of the line, the more scared Elias became. <sup>9</sup>Elias even saw a little girl crying as she got off the ride. <sup>10</sup>Elias shook his head and ran to his mom.

**4. Which sentence from the text best supports the inference?**



## Listening

**Listen** to the passages. Answer the questions.

1. Which words or phrases in the passage support the inference that Carol might fall asleep before her brother gets home?
2. Which quotation from the text best supports the inference?
3. Explain why “Carol was really excited about her brother coming home on Sunday night” does not support the inference.

**Write** an explanation.

**Sophie inferred that the passage is about Jerrica and Annabel working together that evening on their project. Is she correct? Use information from the text to explain your decision.**

<sup>1</sup>Jerrica and Annabel were partners for their school science project. <sup>2</sup>They still had to complete the last of the data collection portion of the project. <sup>3</sup>Jerrica called Annabel on Wednesday after school and told her she would be available to work on their project after dinner. <sup>4</sup>That evening, Annabel rode her bike over to Jerrica's house.

<sup>5</sup>When Annabel arrived, she rang the bell. <sup>6</sup>Disappointed, Annabel got back on her bike and went home.



## Reading

**Read the passage.**

**Use information in the text to determine if the statements are inferences.**

**Answer Yes or No.**

**List a support phrase to explain how you knew.**

<sup>1</sup>The full moon shone bright on the sleepy little town of Garrick.

<sup>2</sup>However, this was no ordinary night for the people of Garrick. <sup>3</sup>It was on the night of a full moon that the creature would howl and roam the area terrorizing everyone. <sup>4</sup>The people stayed inside their homes, hoping the creature would pass them by, except for one soul named Nikos. <sup>5</sup>He was tired of being afraid of this creature and he planned on doing something about it. <sup>6</sup>Armed with his sword, he quietly waited.

<sup>7</sup>Suddenly, the creature came out of the brush and everything went black for Nikos.

<sup>8</sup>Next thing he knew, the people of Garrick were cheering and thanking him for what he had done.

1.	The creature is a werewolf.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
2.	Nikos could not get the creature.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
3.	It was winter season.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
4.	Nikos killed the creature.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

**Which paragraph supports the idea that Perry moved away. (circle)**

**Underline the best sentence that supports the inference.**

It was the first day of a new school year. Perry walked into his new fifth grade classroom. He was really nervous and sad. He had so much fun in fourth grade. He loved his fourth-grade teacher and he met Jeremy. Jeremy was Perry's best friend. They did everything together.

During the summer, Perry and Jeremy spent everyday swimming, playing baseball, and going to Jeremy's family cabin at Bass Lake. The trips to the cabin were the best! Jeremy taught Perry how to water ski and ride jet skis. At night, they would have campfires and roast marshmallows. Before going to bed, Perry and Jeremy would try to scare Jeremy's little sister, Mae. She would get so upset that she would chase them out of the cabin and then lock them out. It was a great time.

Now Perry was starting a new grade without Jeremy. At the end of the summer, Perry's father was given a new assignment in Florida. Perry's family sold their house and packed up. Before leaving, Perry gave Jeremy a plane ticket, so he could come visit during winter break.

 Writing

**Write an explanation.**

**Explain which student made the correct inference.**

**Use information from the text.**

<sup>1</sup>Suddenly the door burst open and something else came in. <sup>2</sup>It was like a hairy, short-necked camel with a head like a giant hyena. <sup>3</sup>It was so big that its shoulders stuck out the top of the door. <sup>4</sup>Students screamed, jumped, ran, and fell in a wild scramble to get away. <sup>5</sup>The door frame was torn out as the beast pushed into the room. <sup>6</sup>Sidway and Eubee recovered first and started shooting spells at the beast as it shook free of the door and looked all around the room.  
excerpt from *Normality is the Exception* by Chris Malloy

**Joseph's inference is that the students were in a wizard's class.**

**Camilla's inference is that the students were in a normal class.**

**Which words and phrases in the passage support the inferences that Rachel has a cold and her mom took her to the doctor?**

<sup>1</sup>Rachel is not in a good mood. <sup>2</sup>Her head feels like a balloon, she can't stop shivering, and she can barely breathe. <sup>3</sup>No matter how much Rachel blows her nose, she can't clear it enough to take in a good breath of air. <sup>4</sup>To make matters worse, Rachel's mother has dragged her out of her warm bed to an awful place filled with miserable<sub>1</sub> people. <sup>5</sup>Everywhere around, Rachel hears people sneezing and coughing. <sup>6</sup>She glances at the clock and sees that they have already been waiting for forty minutes. <sup>7</sup>Just as Rachel is about to complain to her mom again, a lady in red scrubs<sub>2</sub> calls her name. <sup>8</sup>Rachel's mother gets up to follow the nurse, and Rachel gloomily trails behind.

**Which sentence from the text best supports the inference?**