

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.

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

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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?

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

⁶Maria jumped out of bed, threw on some clothes, brushed her teeth, and snatched her backpack. ⁷She 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?

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- 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?**

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

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

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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?

¹There were lots of fresh fruits and vegetables being sold on the side of the road.
²The days were longer, and the air felt very hot. ³People were getting their pools and water toys ready to use. ⁴As 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?

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

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

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

⁵When Annabel arrived, she rang the bell. ⁶Disappointed, 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.

¹The full moon shone bright on the sleepy little town of Garrick.

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

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

⁸Next 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.

¹Suddenly the door burst open and something else came in. ²It was like a hairy, short-necked camel with a head like a giant hyena. ³It was so big that its shoulders stuck out the top of the door. ⁴Students screamed, jumped, ran, and fell in a wild scramble to get away. ⁵The door frame was torn out as the beast pushed into the room. ⁶Sidway 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?

¹Rachel is not in a good mood. ²Her head feels like a balloon, she can't stop shivering, and she can barely breathe. ³No matter how much Rachel blows her nose, she can't clear it enough to take in a good breath of air. ⁴To make matters worse, Rachel's mother has dragged her out of her warm bed to an awful place filled with miserable₁ people. ⁵Everywhere around, Rachel hears people sneezing and coughing. ⁶She glances at the clock and sees that they have already been waiting for forty minutes. ⁷Just as Rachel is about to complain to her mom again, a lady in red scrubs₂ calls her name. ⁸Rachel's mother gets up to follow the nurse, and Rachel gloomily trails behind.

Which sentence from the text best supports the inference?