

An **inference** is something that **may be true** based on **information in the text**.

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

Inference: the black glove will be a clue to solve who the mystery guy is

¹Michael heard his cell phone chime twelve. ²He had to leave or his ninja disguise would dissolve. ³He stopped dancing with the famous actress and ran out of the dance hall. In his haste, **he dropped one of his black gloves**. ⁴The next day's news spoke highly of the mysterious guy who danced with the famous actress. ⁵The reporter said the guy left a black glove behind, and **the famous actress had picked it up**.



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Which statement below supports the inference? Explain.

- A** The phone chimed twelve. **B** The actress picked up the black glove.

Why is “**The next day’s news spoke highly**” NOT an inference?

In your own words, what is an inference?

1. Read the question and the answer choices.
2. Read the text.
3. Draw an inference. (circle the answer)
4. Identify the text that supports the inference. (underline)

¹Mary found a key under the roses. ²"I wonder what this key is for," thought Mary. ³She went inside the mansion and tried it on every door. ⁴It did not open or lock any doors inside. ⁵Suddenly, looking out the window, Mary saw a robin perched on a wall. ⁶Intrigued, she ran outside to get a closer look. ⁷The robin tweeted at her as if to tell her something. ⁸As she got closer to the wall covered in thick vines she saw something. ⁹She reached out her hand; she felt something hard. ¹⁰It was a door handle. 96 words

Adapted from **The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett

1 What inference can we make from the text?

- A Mary finds the owner of the key.
- B The key opens the door behind the vines.
- C The key opens all the doors inside.
- D Mary looks for another key to open that door.

¹"I don't ever want to grow up," Peter said with passion. ²"Who wants to work all the time and stop having fun?," Peter asked Wendy. ³Peter thought about all the good times he has on Fairy Island. ⁴Every day is an adventure and life is fun. ⁵Peter smiled and knew what to say to persuade her to come with him, "Wendy, we could have many wonderful adventures on Fairy Island. ⁶We can swim with mermaids, stay up late at night, or fly to the stars. ⁷What could be better?" 72 words

Adapted from **Peter Pan** by J. M. Barrie

2 What inference can we make from the text?

- A Peter stays with Wendy and grows up.
- B Wendy tells Peter to tell her stories about Fairy Island.
- C Peter goes to Fairy Island without Wendy.
- D Peter convinces Wendy to go to Fairy Island.

Skill Closure

1. Read the question and the answer choices.
2. Read the text.
3. Draw an inference. (circle the answer)
4. Identify the text that supports the inference. (underline)

“Are we going across the Bridge to Forever?” asked Anne. “The Bridge to Forever?,” asked Maria. “Yes, you see that rainbow over there, that is the Bridge to Forever.” “Oh, and where does the Bridge to Forever take us?,” asked Maria quizzically. “It takes us to the land where unicorns and griffins live,” said Anne cheerfully.

70 words

1 What inference can we make from the text?

- A Anne has a big imagination.
- B Anne can see things other people cannot see.
- C A rainbow takes people to a land where unicorns live
- D Unicorns and griffins are real animals

Concept Closure



Writing

Write one sentence identifying the inference of the photo, and one sentence explaining the support.

The inference



Explain how you know

Summary Closure

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

Word Bank

information
may be true
not written
support

Read the text. Answer the questions.

- 1 Which words and phrases in the text support the inference that Will is afraid of the dark? (underline)

He switched off the light again in his room, and again he felt the fear. His arms and legs shook. He wanted to hide under the covers, but that only made it worse. The trees whooshing in the wind and the owl hooting sent shudders through his skin. Every sound was magnified in his mind. He glanced through the window at the moon, hoping that its soft light would give him some peace. But no, his only help was to get out of this room and go out by the fireplace.

Adapted from **The Dark Is Rising** by Susan Cooper

- 2 Which words and phrases in the text support the inference that Anne likes to escape into books? (underline)

"Do you think my red hair will ever change color?" asked Anne.

"Not till you're as old as me," said Maria.

"Oh my, there goes another dream. 'My life is a library of lost dreams.' That's a sentence I read in a book once, and I say it whenever I'm disappointed in anything."

"I don't see where it helps you," said Maria.

"Why, that's easy," said Anne. "It's because it makes me seem as if I were a heroine in a book."

Adapted from **Anne of Green Gables** by Lucy Maud Montgomery

**Listening****Listen to the text. Answer the questions.**

1. What can you infer about Papa's attitude?
 - A He's proud.
 - B He's poor.
 - C He's angry.
2. What words in the text support your inference? Why?
 - A To earn money to pay for the land
 - B That's our family land.
 - C One day you'll understand.

Read the text and answer the questions.

It was not far to the river, but Laurie and Jo were ready before Amy reached them. Amy stamped her feet as she tried to put her skates on. As Laurie turned the bend, he shouted back, "Keep near the shore; it isn't safe in the middle." Jo was just at the turn, and she saw Amy, far behind, skating out to the smoother ice in the middle of the river. For a minute, Jo stood still with a strange feeling at her heart.

*Adapted from **Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott*

- 1 **What can you infer about what might happen?**
 - A Jo will have a heart attack
 - B Amy will fall through the ice.
 - C Laurie will go too far ahead of the girls.
- 2 **What words support your inference? Why? (select all that apply)**
 - A Amy stamped her feet
 - B Amy was skating out to the thin ice
 - C Jo had a strange feeling in her heart



Reading

Jane read three reviews of the Disney movie *Frozen*. She inferred that the movie was about being true to yourself. From which review below did she infer that? Explain how you know.

adapted from a review by Dave White

A The songs are what pull you in right away. They're bold, almost maddeningly pushy songs, relevant to the story and passing the most important test: they feel necessary.

adapted from a review by Christy Lemire

B "Frozen," the latest Disney musical, preaches the importance of embracing your true nature but wants to remain true to the princess merchandising potential.

adapted from a review by Corey Hall

C Every facet of this shiny tale has been calculated for marketing impact, from the sisters' frequent costume changes to the cuddly sidekicks. Yet it remains delightful.

Jane chose: (circle one)

A **B** **C**

Read the text and answer the questions.

The ship went down. Jack was alive, and so was the black horse that had been on the ship. Jack managed to slip a rope on the horse and tie it around his own waist.

Together, they battled the waves for hours. He could barely see a glimpse of the horse's head in the darkness. The horse would swim, then stop, and then move in another direction. Jack wondered what he was doing. Did he sense land somehow? Suddenly, Jack felt the waves start to carry him rather than push against him. He could almost float. It must be. Yes, they were moving towards something.

*Adapted from **The Black Stallion** by Walter Farley*

1. What can you infer about the stallion's movements?

- A** He was trying to keep alive. **B** He was trying to swim to land. **C** He was trying to shake Jack off the rope.

2. What words support your inference? Why?

- A** Did he sense land somehow?
B Together, they battled the waves for hours.
C Jack felt the waves start to carry him.

 Writing

Write what you can infer about Alice. (Explain)

The Cat grinned when it saw Alice. "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" asked Alice. "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the Cat. "I don't much care where ---" said Alice. "Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat. "— so long as I get somewhere," Alice explained. "Oh, you're sure to do that," said the Cat, "if you only walk long enough."

From **Alice in Wonderland** by Lewis Carroll

I infer

because

Read the text and answer the questions.

"The Mountain Spirit was right!" Petra said. "Of course he was," Lao replied. "The Mountain Spirit can answer any question by listening to the wind." "I should ask him to help our family have good luck!" Petra said. "He could listen and tell us how. Where is he?" "They say he lives on top of Dragon Mountain," Lao said. "But no one knows where that is." "I will find it," Petra said. "I will keep asking till I find him!"

Adapted from **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** by Grace Lin

1. What can you infer about Petra?

- A She likes to live in nature.
- C She likes stories about spirits.
- B She is curious and wants to help.

2. What words support your inference? (select all that apply)

- A Where is he?
- B I should ask him how to help our family
- C I will keep asking till I find him!
- D The Mountain Spirit was right!