

Inference question starters



- From the title/heading, you can predict that the text will be about
- Why do you think
- Why did
- How do you know that
- What might happen if
- What can you infer from the picture on the page?
- Why do they? How do you know?
- Do you think? Why do you think that?
- Why does the author use the word?
- What is the author implying?/What message is the author trying to give?
- Can you infer the meaning of?
- What probably caused?
- How might feel

INFERENCE

An inference is "reading between the lines" to understand things not directly stated by the author. Inferences are based on information stated in text as well as what is known from personal experience which relates to the passage being read.

TIPS:

Making inferences means making a guess based on information.

Prior knowledge and details are needed for inferences.

Predictions are what the reader thinks will happen.

Conclusions can be drawn from thinking about the facts or details in the text.