

Mastering Inference: The Reading Detective's Word Mat

Learning objective: To understand and use inference skills to read between the lines and discover hidden meanings in a text.

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to help you become a reading detective! The words are grouped into 'The Basics' (what inference is), 'The Clues' (how we find it), and 'The Process' (how we explain it).

Inference Using clues from the story and wh...	Implicit Information that is suggested or hint...	Explicit Information that is stated clearly and...
Evidence Specific words or phrases from the...	Clue A small piece of information that helps ...	Deduction The process of reaching a logical...
Context The situation or information surroun...	Assumption Something you believe to be tr...	Prediction Using clues to make a sensible g...
Subtext The underlying or hidden meaning o...	Observation Carefully noticing a detail in the...	Interpretation The way you understand or e...
Nuance A very small difference in meaning, ...	Reading between ... Looking for the hidden...	Prior knowledge Things you already know ...
Conclusion A final decision or opinion reac...		