

The Mystery Suitcase: An Inference Challenge

Learning objective: To use clues to make inferences about a character's identity and destination.

Max the monkey has found a mysterious suitcase left at the train station! He doesn't know who it belongs to, but there are clues inside. Read the clues, draw the owner of the suitcase and the place they are visiting, and answer the questions to explain your thinking.

Draw: Split your page into two sections. In the first section, draw the owner of the suitcase. Think about what they would be wearing based on the clues (e.g. outdoor clothes). In the second section, draw the setting they are visiting, including the environment and some of the animals they might be sketching in their notebook.



Label words: Passport · Sunscreen · Binoculars · Hiking Boots · Camera · Map · Sun Hat · Notebook

Steps:

1. Based on the items in the suitcase, what is the character's job or hobby? Explain which clue told you this.
2. Where is the character travelling to? Give one piece of evidence from the text to support your answer.
3. What can you infer about the weather at the destination? Why do you think this?
4. Do you think the person is going on a relaxing holiday or an active adventure? Explain your choice.
5. If the character bought a souvenir for £4.50 and a snack for £2.20, how much did they spend in total?