

Detective Max's Inference File

Learning objective: To use clues from the text and my own knowledge to make inferences about a character's feelings and actions.

Read the story passage carefully. Like Max the monkey, you need to be a detective! Look for clues (evidence) in the text and combine them with what you already know to figure out things that aren't explicitly stated. Fill in the boxes below to complete your detective report.

Word bank: evidence · clues · conclusion · suggests · atmosphere · behavior · emotion

1. Character Feelings: How is the main character feeling at the start of the story? Which words tell you this? (2 marks)

2. The Hidden Setting: Where do you think the story is taking place? List two clues from the text that support your answer. (2 marks)

3. Reading Between the Lines: Why did the character react the way they did? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

4. Predicting the Future: Based on the clues provided, what do you think will happen next? (2 marks)

5. Character Traits: What kind of person is the main character? Give a reason for your answer based on their actions. (2 marks)

6. The Big Secret: Is there something the character is hiding? How can you tell? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you find a sentence in the text that could be interpreted in two different ways? Write both possibilities and explain why the author might have used a vague description.