

Mastering the Art of Inference: Reading Between the Lines

Unlocking Hidden Stories: Don't just read the words—become a literary detective!

- **What is an inference?** An inference is a conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning rather than explicit statements.
- **How do I make an inference?** Use the formula: Clues from the Text + What You Already Know = An Informed Inference.
- **Why do authors use inference?** To engage the reader's imagination and encourage them to actively participate in building the world of the story.
- **What is 'reading between the lines'?** It is the process of identifying information that is implied but not directly stated by the writer.
- **How do I check my inference?** Look back at the text. If you cannot find evidence to support your idea, you may need to reconsider your conclusion.

Did you know? Did you know? Authors often use the 'Iceberg Theory' of writing. Just like an iceberg, where most of the ice is hidden beneath the water, the most important meaning in a story is often hidden beneath the surface of the text. Skilled readers dive deep to find the truth!

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