

Detective Work: Unlocking Inference with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by drawing inferences and using evidence from the text to justify opinions.

Read the provided passage carefully. When we infer, we look for clues in the text and combine them with our own knowledge to 'read between the lines'. Use this template to analyse the character's thoughts, feelings, and motives. Remember to provide specific evidence from the text to support your ideas.

Word bank: deduce · imply · motive · evidence · clue · characterisation · atmosphere · ambiguous · significance · inference

1. What does the character's choice of words or actions suggest about their current mood? Justify your answer using a quote from the text. (3 marks)

2. Explain why the author might have chosen this specific setting. How does the environment influence our understanding of the character? (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the character's internal thoughts with their outward behaviour. Why might there be a difference? (4 marks)

4. What might happen if the character had made a different choice in the second paragraph? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

5. Identify a piece of 'hidden' information that is not explicitly stated. How did you deduce this? (3 marks)

6. Justify your prediction for what this character will do next. Use evidence from the passage to support your theory. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph from the perspective of a different character in the scene. How would they interpret the events differently, and why does their perspective change the 'truth' of the situation?