

## Detective Pip's Guide to Inference

Put on your detective hat and read between the lines!

- **Inference is when you combine what you already know with the clues in the story to work out something new.**
- **Look for clues in the pictures! If a character is wearing a raincoat and holding an umbrella, you can infer that it is raining outside.**
- **Listen to the character's actions. If Max the Monkey is tapping his foot and looking at his watch, you can infer that he is in a hurry.**
- **Think about feelings. If a character is smiling and skipping, you can infer that they are feeling very happy.**
- **Use the 'Why' trick. Ask yourself why a character is acting a certain way to find the hidden meaning in the text.**

*Did you know? Did you know? Even when an author doesn't write down exactly how a character feels, you can be a reading detective! If a story says 'Leo the Lion gripped his book tightly and his whiskers twitched,' you can infer that he is feeling nervous or excited, even if the word 'nervous' is never used.*

**Key vocabulary: Inference · Evidence · Clue · Author · Feeling · Predict**