

Detective Work with Kit the Fox: Mastering Inference

Learning objective: To develop inference skills by analysing character behaviour and hidden clues in a narrative.

Read the short story provided by your teacher. Use this template to look beyond the literal words on the page. Just like Kit the Fox, you need to use the clues in the text and your own knowledge to work out what is really happening. Remember, an inference is a 'reading between the lines' moment!

Word bank: deduce · clue · hidden · motive · evidence · character · atmosphere · implied · detective

1. What is the character feeling? Find a phrase from the text that hints at their emotions without stating them directly. (2 marks)

2. Why did the character act that way? Use evidence from the text to explain their possible motive. (2 marks)

3. What is the setting like? Describe the atmosphere and explain what clues helped you reach this conclusion. (3 marks)

4. What might happen next? Predict the next event based on the patterns of behaviour you have observed so far. (2 marks)

5. If you were Kit the Fox, what one question would you ask the character to uncover the truth? (1 mark)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph from the perspective of the character, explaining why they chose to keep their true thoughts a secret from the other characters.