

Becoming an Inference Detective with Max the Monkey

Put on your detective hat and solve the mystery behind the words!

- **Inference is when you use clues in the text plus what you already know to work out something that isn't written down.**
- **Look for adjectives and verbs!** If a character is tapping their foot and checking a watch, we can infer they are feeling impatient.
- **Check the setting!** If a story mentions frost, thick coats, and a frozen pond, we can infer it is winter.
- **Think about feelings!** If a character smiles and hums a tune while skipping, we can infer they are feeling happy.
- **Use your 'Brain Power'!** Your own experiences help you understand how characters feel and why they act the way they do.

Did you know? Did you know? When you read, you are like a detective! Authors don't always explain everything. Sometimes, they leave tiny 'breadcrumbs' of information. By putting those breadcrumbs together with what you already know about the world, you can work out what is really happening!

Key vocabulary: Inference · Evidence · Clues · Author · Predict · Context