

Becoming a Story Detective: Mastering Inference

Put on your detective hat and look for the clues hiding between the lines!

- **Inference is when you use what you know plus the clues in the text to make a smart guess.**
- **Look for adjectives that describe how a character acts; these often show you how they feel inside.**
- **If a character is 'clutching their coat tightly', you can infer they might be feeling very cold.**
- **Always look back at the text to find the exact evidence that supports your clever idea.**
- **Remember: An inference is a theory based on facts, not just a random guess!**

Did you know? Did you know? Authors are like mystery writers. They often leave 'breadcrumb' clues in a story so you can solve the puzzle of what a character is thinking without them having to tell you!

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