

# Make Inferences

Authors don't always tell the reader everything they want them to know about the story. Good readers have to learn to be detectives and look for clues to help them understand the story better.



Inferences = Schema + Clues from the story

While you are reading, ask yourself:

- Can you explain why the character acted this way?
- How do you think the author might feel about the character?
- What clues can you find in the pictures?

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# Making Inferences

**Text clues**

(information/clues  
from the text)

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**Schema**

(what I already know/  
my prior knowledge)

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**Inference**

(my conclusion)

The text says...

I already know...

I can infer...
