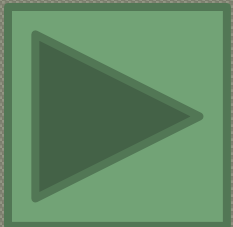




Inferences and Judgments

When you finish this activity you will be able to distinguish between the two and have the skill to make them on your own!





Inferences

- Inferences: are logical guesses based on clues in the text and on your own knowledge and common sense.
- Inferences are necessary because it is not possible for writers to include every detail about what is happening in a work of literature.
- Often, writers purposely choose to hint at details rather than state them; this can add meaning and suspense for the reader.



Let's try it!

Heather had been waiting in line outside the arena all day long. Finally, the gates were being opened. “If I hurry, I can get a seat up by the stage,” she thought to herself as she unzipped her backpack to get her ticket out.

Does the author tell the reader how Heather is feeling?

YES

NO

Good!

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How do you think Heather is feeling?

Happy

Excited

Impatient

Nervous

All of the above





Great! Let's try again:

Heather had been planning to go to the Sweet Tooth concert since it was first announced in June. She had everyone of the band's CDs, and she listened to them constantly. All summer long she had saved her tip money from the restaurant to buy a ticket. Now, just a half hour before the concert, she couldn't find her ticket anywhere. "Oh, no," she cried, "this isn't happening."

Putting the pieces together:

The combination of selection information and your knowledge equal an inference.

○ Selection Information

- Heather had been planning to go to the Sweet Tooth concert for a long time. She had all of the band's CDs.

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○ Inference:

Heather really likes the band Sweet Tooth!

What you know:

- People who like particular bands often go to their concerts and buy their CDs.



● Use the following selected text to choose the best inference:

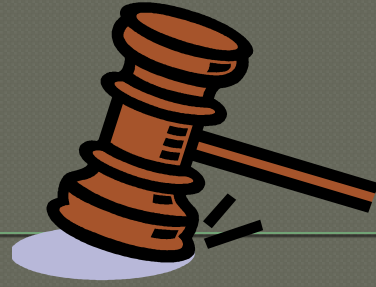
- Heather saved her tip money from the restaurant to pay for her ticket.

Using your knowledge and the text above which is the best inference:

Heather has a job as a waitress.

OR

Heather makes a good amount of money.



Judgments:

- When you make judgments, you make decisions about what is accurate or inaccurate, true or false, valid or invalid, right or wrong – according to certain standards or criteria.
 - Similar to inferences, to make judgments, you use clues from the text along with your own opinions and information you already know.
 - You can make judgments about story character in fiction and about a writer's opinions in nonfiction.



Get to Judging!

Terry really wanted that summer job as an apprentice mechanic at Trusty Auto Repairs. He thought about telling his biology teacher that he had a doctor's appointment. That way he could leave early to go to the job interview at Trusty Auto. Instead, he told her the truth. She agreed to let him go but told him that he would lose points because he would miss a quiz.

Before moving on to the next slide, you must decide whether you think what Terry did was right or wrong!



Most people would say that because Terry told the truth, what he did was right. Telling the truth is usually believed to be the right thing to do.

True

False



One more selection!

To get to the interview on time, Terry rode his bike through the park at top speed. While rounding a curve, he almost hit a woman carrying a baby. Terry stopped to see if they were all right. When he learned that they were only a little shaken, he hopped back on his bike and raced off. In his haste he knocked over a garbage can. Trash went flying everywhere. Terry stopped and looked at the trash. He looked across the street at the auto garage. Then he put his bike down and began to pick up the trash.

Judgments are the combination of information from the text and your opinion of right and wrong.

Text Information:

Terry rode his bike through the park at top speed.

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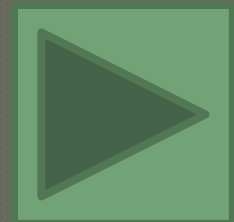
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Judgment:

Terry is being reckless and irresponsible.

Your Opinion:

It's dangerous to ride fast in a place where others may be walking.



● Use the following selected text to choose the best judgment:

- When Terry barely missed hitting the woman and a baby, he stopped to see if they were all right.

Using your opinion and the text above which is the best judgment:

Terry is a considerate person.

OR

Terry is concerned about the well being of others.



Both choices were GREAT judgments.

Text Information	Judgment/Inference
Terry stopped to pick up the trash he'd knocked out of the garbage can.	Terry was right to stop and pick up the trash. It shows that he wants to be responsible.

Is this an example of an inference or a judgment?



Is this an example of an inference or a judgment:

Text Information	Judgment/Inference
Heather says, "This isn't happening" when she could not find her ticket.	Heather is very sad and disappointed.

Judgment



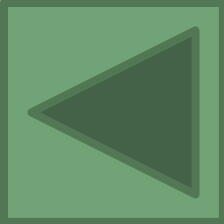
Inference

Just Remember:

BOTH inferences and judgments use your knowledge and text information.

BUT, when you are judging something you are giving your opinion on the subject.
THEREFORE, a judgment must be debatable!





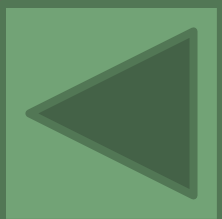
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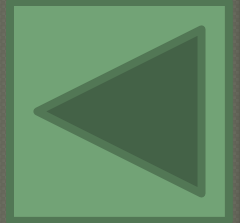
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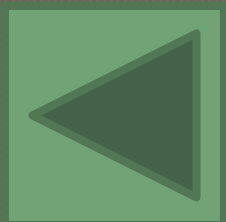
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