

Inference Skills Worksheet

Inference is a skill we use when reading. It is when we use clues in the text and our prior knowledge to get a deeper meaning from what the author has written.

When we read, we look for clues to help us make a picture in our mind.

- Use clues from the text to find your answer.
- Add the clues to our prior knowledge.
- There can be more than one right answer.

Have a go at using your inference skills!

Question 1

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions below:

Misty rubbed the sleep from her eyes and pulled the blankets tighter around her. Her feet felt like ice blocks! The sun had not peaked through the curtains yet. Misty checked the clock beside her. It said 7:30 am, but it was still dark, even though it was late August. Shivering, she started to roll out of bed and reach for her dressing gown and slippers.

a. Do you think it is a warm or a cold morning?

b. Find two words or phrases that are clues about the temperature.

c. What season do you think it might be? Find a clue that hints at the season.

Question 2

Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions below:

The garden seemed so much more alive in the dark. Every rustle in the trees could be a ghost, every snapped twig could be a wild animal.

“28, 29, 30!” called Ethan, the seeker. Ihaia ducked behind a bush, heart thumping, just making it as the torch light skimmed over the leaves. He shivered a little as a cool breeze ruffled his hair. Ihaia didn’t mind the cool air, he was too excited by the thrill of the game.

a. What time of day do you think it is? What clues are in the text to support your answer?

b. What game do you think they’re playing?

c. Find one or two words that are clues about how Ihaia is feeling.

Question 3

Look at the picture and answer the questions below:



a. Who is the person in red? How can you tell what their job is?

b. Do you think the child in the water can swim? Why or why not?

c. Where is this scene? How can you tell?

Inference Skills Worksheet Answers

Question 1

a. Do you think it is a warm or a cold morning?

E.g. I think it is a cold morning.

b. Find two words or phrases that are clues about the temperature.

E.g. Her feet felt like ice blocks, shivering.

c. What season do you think it might be? Find a clue that hints at the season.

E.g. I think it is winter because it's still dark at 7:30am, and it is August.

Question 2

a. What time of day do you think it is? What clues are in the text to support your answer?

E.g. I think it is night time. It is dark and the air is cool, and they are using a torch.

b. What game do you think they're playing?

E.g. I think they are playing Spotlight or Hide and Seek in the dark.

c. Find one or two words that are clues about how Ihaia is feeling.

E.g. Heart thumping, excited.

Question 3

a. Who is the person in red? How can you tell what their job is?

E.g. I think they are a lifeguard, because I have seen lifeguards at the pool in the same clothes.

b. Do you think the child in the water can swim? Why or why not?

E.g. No, because he has floaties on to keep him above the water.

c. Where is this scene? How can you tell?

E.g. At a pool, because there is a pool and it is inside so it isn't at the beach.