

READING INFERENCE ANCHOR CHART

An **inference** is a conclusion you reach using clues from the text and what you already know.



TEXT CLUES

What the author says or shows.

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WHAT I ALREADY KNOW

My background knowledge, experiences, and ideas.

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INFERENCE

A conclusion that is not stated directly.

HOW TO MAKE AN INFERENCE

1



READ

Read the text carefully.

2



FIND CLUES

What words, actions, or details stand out?

3



THINK

What do I already know that connects to these clues?

4



PUT IT TOGETHER

Combine the clues with what I know to form a conclusion.

5



CHECK

Does my inference make sense with the text? Can I find more evidence to support it?

USE THESE SENTENCE STEMS

- I think _____ because _____.
- The text says _____, so I can infer _____.
- This suggests that _____.
- I can tell that _____.
- I infer that _____ which means _____.

GOOD INFERENCES ARE...

- ✓ Based on text clues and your knowledge
- ✓ Logical and reasonable
- ✓ Supported with evidence
- ✓ Not a guess



REMEMBER: The author does not say it, **YOU** figure it out!