

Inferencing



Hunting for Clues to Solve a Puzzle

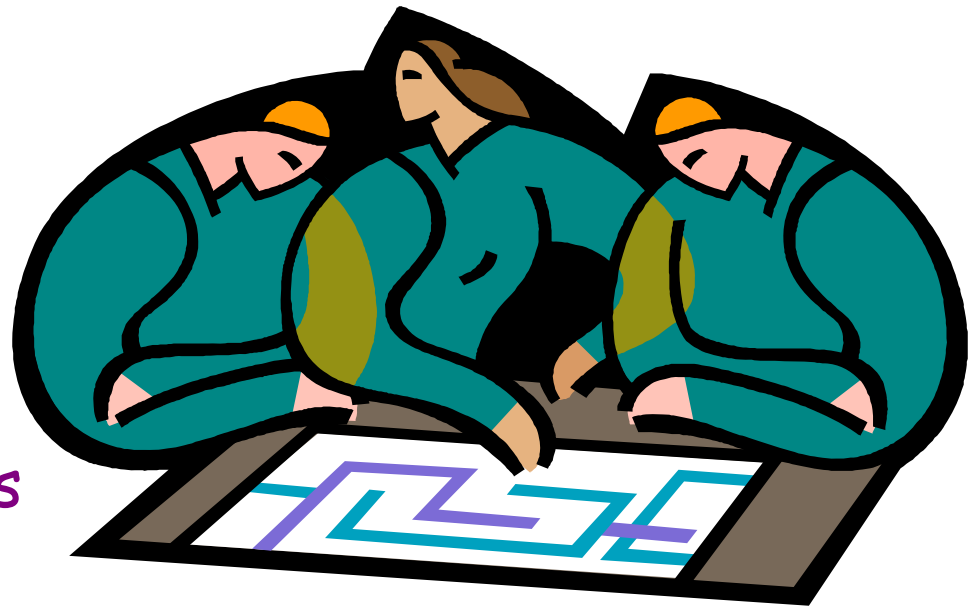
What is Inferencing?



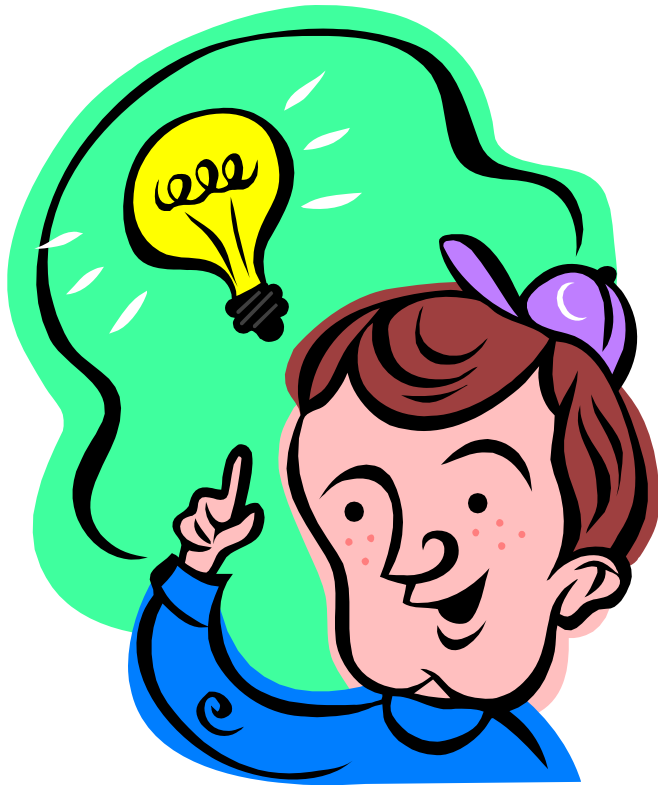
- Finding clues in the story
- These clues may not provide you with the direct answer
- You must investigate deeper!
- Draw conclusions based on details provided in the story

Here are some Synonyms for Inference

- deduce
- hint
- imply
- guess
- interpretation
- read between the lines
- understand
- reason
- drawing conclusions



Daily Inferencing



- Jigsaw puzzles
- Answering Riddles
- Problem Solving (backtracking)
- Answering questions
- Reading
- Math word problems
- Conversing with people

Finding Clues

What Should We Look For?

- PLACES
- TIME
- COLORS
- TEXTURES
- BODY LANGUAGE
- ACTIONS
- SITUATIONS OR CONTEXT

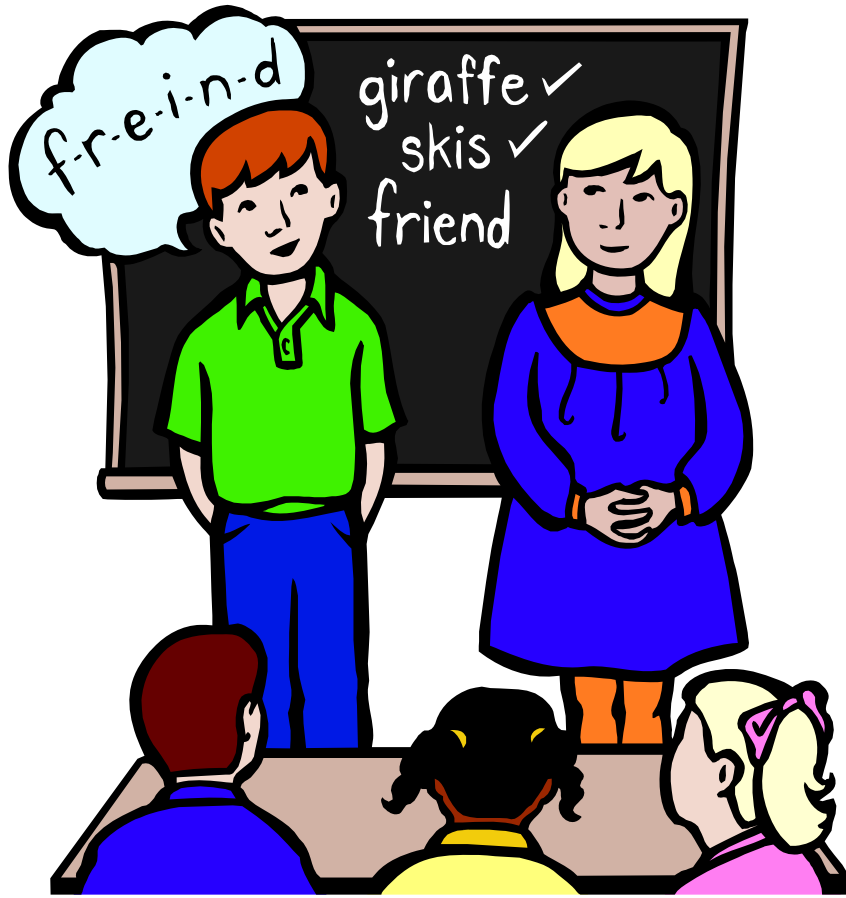


What does this mean to you as a reader?



- It is important to pay attention to *all* details
- Generally, irrelevant information is not provided, so if something is written, it is important!

Situational Clues



- What do we know about this picture?
- What clues do you see?
- What can we infer from the clues?

Location Clues



- What do we know about the event in the photo?
- What is the mood of the event?
- What other activities may be occurring at the same time or later?

Word Clues

- It's clear
- It's round
- It's made of glass, metal and plastic
- It has a handle
- It makes things look bigger
- What is it?

A Magnifying Glass!



Body Language Clues



Are they having the same conversation? How do you know?

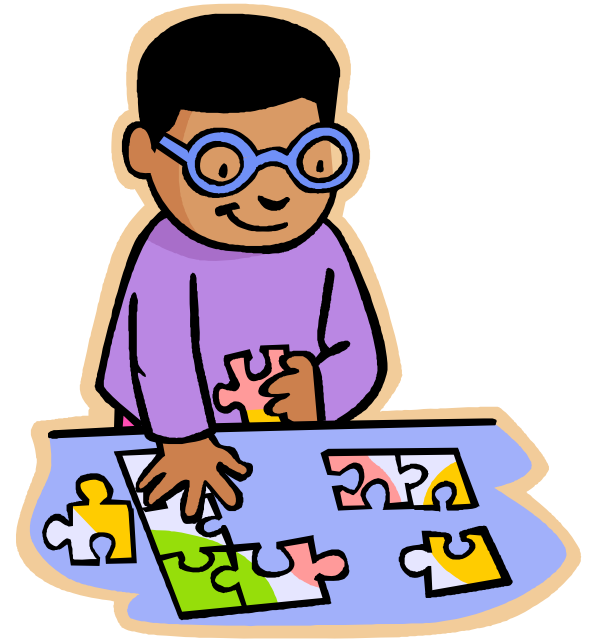
Putting the Clues Together

- When we infer meaning we put together clues like a jigsaw puzzle.

For example: Look at our clues!

The Captain traveled down the rough, muddy road in his Jeep.

- What clues are presented ?
- What can we infer about The Captain?



K.I.S STRATEGY

AN INFERENCE STRATEGY TO REMEMBER



K - **Key** words are underlined.



I - **Infer**. Predict what information is missing by thinking about the key words.



S - **Support** the inference by explaining why it is correct. Base your explanation on your own past experiences and knowledge.