Prove It: Citing Evidence

Show what you know and how you know



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What could this be?

A detective says 'I solved it, but I have no clues.' Would you believe them?



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Great Readers Point Back

Strong readers share ideas and show the exact words that prove them.

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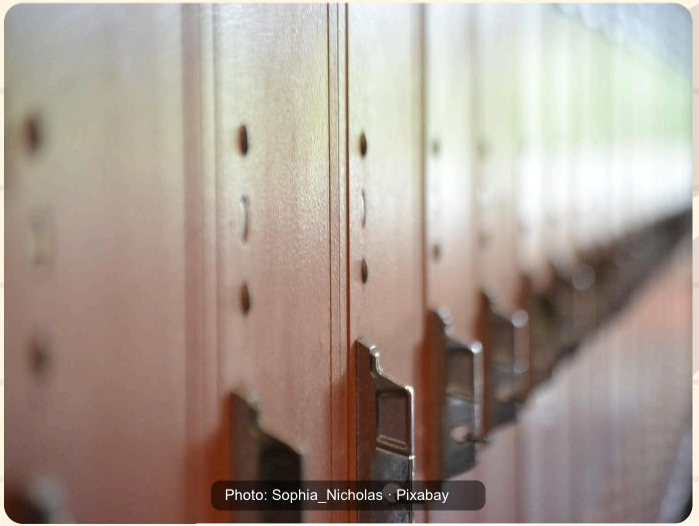
Said It or Hinted It?

- Explicit: the author says it directly.
- Inference: you combine clues + what you know.
- Both kinds need proof from the words.

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Think, pair, share

The student slammed the locker, sighed loudly, and walked away from two friends. What can you infer? Which words prove it?



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Watch: Evidence in Stories



▶ 0:00 – 4:02

- Watch how readers point back to exact words

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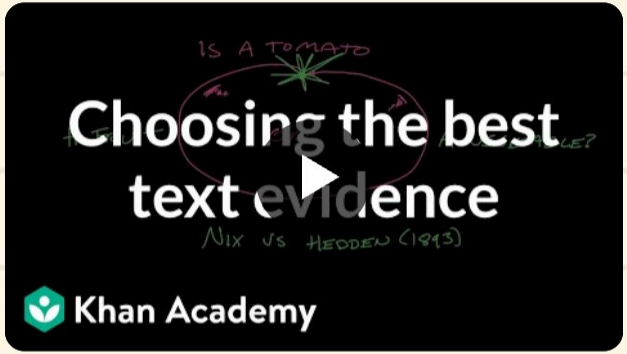
Stack Up Your Proof

- Pick 2-3 short, strong clues.
- Quote exact words or paraphrase in your own words.
- Explain how each clue supports your idea.
- Start with: According to the text...



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Watch: Pick the Best Proof



▶ 0:00 – 4:36

- Notice why one strong clue beats a weak one

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Your task

In pairs, prove one explicit idea and one inference about this moment.

1. Read: The student stared out at pouring rain, zipped a jacket, and tapped the clock at 3 p.m. The teacher said, Bring flashlights for tonight's camping trip.
2. Find one explicit fact + copy 6-8 words.
3. Make one inference + find two clues.
4. Write: My idea + Evidence 1 + Evidence 2.

10 min

In pairs

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DID YOU KNOW?

In middle school, you must juggle more clues than ever.

Each grade expects you to connect more ideas and weigh more evidence from what you read.



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What Convinces You?

Which kind of evidence is most convincing to you as a reader?

A Exact quotes from the text

B Paraphrasing in my own words

C Short summary of key parts

D A mix of all three

Vote with your hands, then explain why.

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Exit ticket

1. One explicit detail from today + my evidence is...

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2. One inference I made + two clues that prove it...

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3. One question I still have about citing evidence...

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