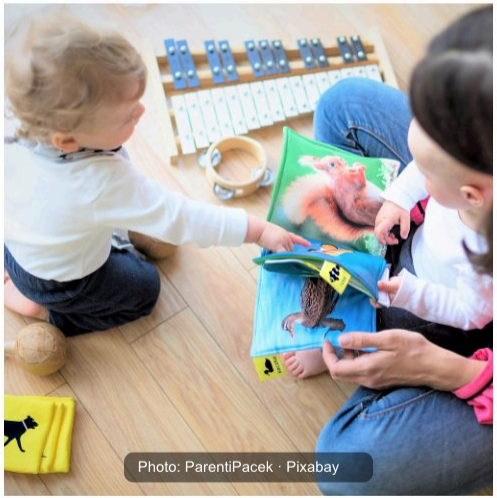
READING BETWEEN THE LINES

Inferring feelings, thoughts and motives





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TODAY WE WILL...

WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Infer feelings, thoughts and motives from actions
- Justify inferences with clear text evidence
- Discuss ideas and explain our reasoning

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

✓ I can name a feeling with a clue

✓ I can explain a thought or motive

✓ I can say: this shows... because...



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BIG IDEA

DETECTIVES DON'T GUESS - THEY USE CLUES + WHAT THEY KNOW.





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HOW INFERENCE WORKS

CHARACTER DOES OR SAYS SOMETHING → YOU ADD WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW → YOU INFER FEELING, THOUGHT OR MOTIVE → YOU PROVE IT WITH EVIDENCE



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THINK, PAIR, SHARE

A PUPIL TRUDGED IN, DROPPED THE BAG, SIGHED AND STARED OUT OF THE WINDOW. HOW IS THE PUPIL FEELING? WHAT TELLS YOU?





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WATCH: BE A READING DETECTIVE



▶ 0:00 – 5:00

- Spot what the character does
- Listen for feeling or motive
- Hear how evidence proves it

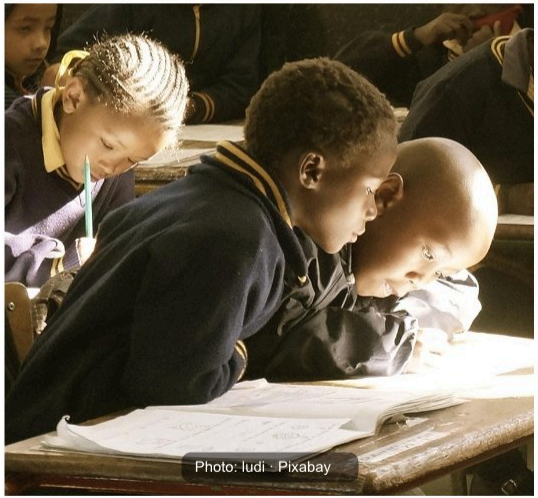


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DID YOU KNOW?

ABOUT A THIRD OF YEAR 6 READING MARKS ARE FOR INFERENCE.

That is why spotting feelings and motives from clues really matters.





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WATCH: PROVE IT WITH EVIDENCE



▶ 0:00 – 3:34

- Find exact words as clues
- Link clue to your experience
- Say it in your own words



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YOUR TASK

READ ON THE SLIDE: THE KEEPER HOVERED BY THE DOOR, CHECKED THE CLOCK TWICE AND ZIPPED THE COAT UP TO THE CHIN. INFER AND PROVE.

1. Find two action clues
2. Infer feeling and motive
3. Write: I infer... because... This suggests...

10 min

In pairs



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THREE THINGS WE INFER

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Feelings

How is the character feeling inside?

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Thoughts

What idea is in their head?

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Motives

Motive means the reason they act.



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WHY DID THEY DO IT?

A STUDENT HID A BROKEN CUP BEHIND THE BIN AND TOLD NO ONE. WHAT WAS THE MOTIVE?

A Feared getting in trouble

B Planned a funny joke

C Did not notice breaking it



Vote with your hands, then explain why.

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TRUE OR FALSE?

Inferring means reading between the lines for clues.	If the text says the pupil was sad, you inferred it.
Motive means the reason a character acts.	'This suggests' means 'this shows that'.



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