

# Making Inferences

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### Write Your Own

#### 1. A mystery place:

Sometimes, authors hint to the setting without specifically telling the reader where a story takes place. Write a paragraph that describe a mystery place.

Music and laughter fill the night air. You smell popcorn and cotton candy and your stomach growls. You decide to wait longer and step into a... yourself. Short tall fa...

#### 2. A mystery job:

Think of a job for a character. Write these sentences to slowly give clues... character wear? How does the ch...

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### Paragraph #1

A metallic clank and a tap on your arm and you open your eyes. You feel out of your ears and look around, adjusting to the bright lights you'd been dreaming of. Your stomach feels off-balance, loose. You smile, wider than you have in months, and your stomach growls with thoughts of popcorn and apples and you take a large bite.

|   | Make an Inference         | Support                                |
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| What procedure did you just experience? | They took off the braces. | You smile wider than... dreaming of... |



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# INDEPENDENT/SCAFFOLDED ACTIVITY

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Paragraph #1

A metallic clank and a tap on your arm and you pull out of your ears and look around, adjusting to the bright light. You smile, wider than you have in a long time. Your stomach grows with thoughts of popcorn and apples and...

*Make an Inference*

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| What procedure did you just experience? |  |
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Paragraph #2

The crowd pushes in on him, jostling and showing off hair as a kid runs by, screaming. The smells assault his pain tears across his shin and he looks down to see a mother distracted as she hurries. He forces his way through the way to the glass. He can see his face, the faces of the people presses against it. On the other side, across a small gap, they press against them.

*Make an Inference*

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| Where is the narrator? |  |
| What is the monster?   |  |

Paragraph #3

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...but specifically telling the reader where a story takes place.

...about that character coming home from work. Use your imagination about the mystery job. (Hint: What clothes does the character wear on a long day?)

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**Task:** Use your textual detective skills to make inferences based on the following paragraphs. What's going on? Who's the narrator? What happens next?

#### Inference vs. Prediction

Making an inference means to draw reasonable conclusions based on facts, observation, logic, and your own experience. An inference is a conclusion about what is happening in the text right now, not a prediction about what will happen next.

#### Try it!

Jackson shows up late to school, running in as the bell rings. He's sweaty and panting.  
**Make an inference...** How did Jackson get to school?

Your math teacher stands at the front of the classroom, holding your tests from last week. He frowns and crosses his arms.  
**Make an inference...** How did the class do on the test?

**Now, try this:**  
What "clues" would let you know that your parents are planning a surprise party for you?

How would you know that your dad is going to make spaghetti for dinner?

Students make inferences based on textual evidence. This scaffolded approach includes six "puzzle paragraphs" and then a guided writing activity for students to write their own.

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## Paragraph #1

A metallic clank and a tap on your arm and you open your eyes. You pull the earbuds out of your ears and look around, adjusting to the bright lights you'd been ignoring. Everything feels off-balance, loose. You smile, wider than you have in months, and grab a mirror. Your stomach growls with thoughts of popcorn and apples and you take a look.

|   | <i>Make an Inference</i> | <i>Support Your Claim</i> |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| What procedure did you just experience? |                          |                           |

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## PARAGRAPH #6



Julia heard her dad slam the door downstairs, home early. She jumped off her bed, the volleyball magazine she'd been reading tumbling to the floor. She thought she'd have more time! Shoot! Her dad muttered as she reached the top of the stairs. He kicked her kneepads and sneakers out of the way and lifted his eyes to the broken window in the living room. "Dad, I can explain!"

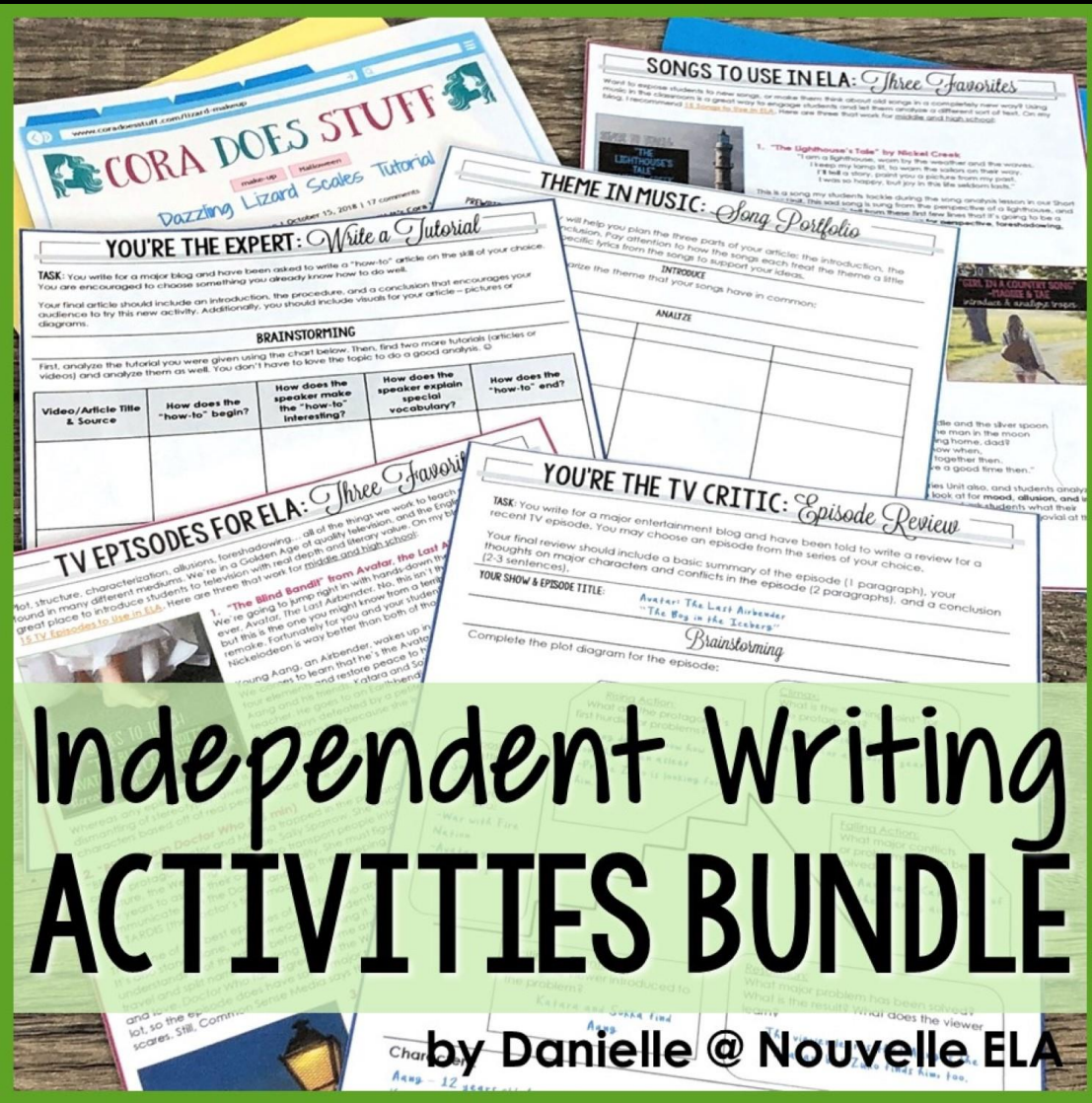
|                          | Make an Inference | Support Your Claim |
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| What did Julia do wrong? | Type here         | Type here          |

**Make a Prediction:** How will Julia's dad respond?

Type here

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