

YEAR 4 READING JOURNAL ACTIVITIES AUTUMN TERM

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INFERENCE FOCUS

- People
- Action
- Location
- Mood
- (Weather)



Inferences:



1. This race is taking place at an athletics stadium because you can see the running track.

2. It looks like this is a big event because there is a huge audience of spectators.

3. It looks like it is a relay race as one athlete is passing a baton to another.

4. I would guess that it is a short distance because the runners seem to be running at high speed, not pacing themselves like they would for a distance event.

5. Maybe the athletes are from different countries because they are wearing different coloured vests.

6. The runners are working hard and running at speed because some of them have their arms outstretched for balance.

7. There must be a great atmosphere in the stadium with all these athletes and spectators.



1. Choose one of the photos from the box in your classroom and infer what is happening based upon what you can see. This is how you will set out your ideas in your journal. Aim to make at least 6 inferences about the picture!

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Book title: <i>Charlotte's Webb</i> Author: E.B. White	
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Next day, if there was no thunder shower, all hands would help to haul the hay to the barn.	The phrase 'all hands' suggests that everyone is expected to help with the movement of the hay.
Next day, if there was no thunder shower, all hands would help to haul the hay to the barn.	The word 'haul' suggests that it is a huge job and it isn't easy to do. You usually haul things that are heavy and difficult to move about.
The animals treated her as an equal. The sheep lay calmly at her feet.	The fact that the animals treated her as an equal suggests that they have accepted her and she is just like one of them. They are also calm with her so she just fits in and doesn't upset them.
All morning you could hear the rattle of the machine as it went round and round, while the tall grass fell down behind the cutter bar in long green swathes.	The fact that the machine rattles could suggest that it is just a noisy machine or it might suggest that there is something wrong with it that needs to be fixed.
Apple blossoms come with the lilacs, and the bees visit around among the apple trees. The days grow warm and soft. School ends, and children have time to play and to fish for trout in the brook.	The fact that there is blossom and that there are bees and warm days and that school is coming to an end are clues that suggest the story is set in summer because these things happen at this time of year.

2. Choose sentences from the book you have just read and write down what they tell you. Make a chart just like this one to show your inferences. Aim to make at least 6 inferences about six different sentences!!



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Inferences: Show not tell

Book title: The Bank Robbery
Author: Peter Bell

aggressive	The thieves pushed people aside and ran right up to the counter, thrusting a sack towards the cashier.	The thieves are not polite and careful – words like 'pushed' and 'thrusting' show this.
scared	Some people in the bank dived to the floor whilst others scrambled to get out of the way.	The people in the bank are scared because when they move, they don't just walk or stroll in a relaxed, calm way, they are diving quickly to the floor or scrambling – both of these movements are desperate and very quick, suggesting fear and panic.
panic-stricken	In less than a minute, the robbers fled from the bank.	The robbers left the bank 'in less than a minute' because they knew they were at risk of being caught. The word 'fled' also suggests how quickly they moved and that they were feeling in a panic.
forceful	Suddenly two masked men burst through the door, "Out of the way!" one of them shouted, "This is a robbery."	The verb 'burst' suggests that the robbers came confidently through the door and the fact that they are shouting shows that they are serious and not to be messed with.

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Inferences: character traits can be inferred by analysing...

Book title: How to Train Your Dragon
Author: Cressida Cowell

Feelings	Actions
Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third, the Hope and Heir to the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, had been feeling slightly sick ever since he woke up that morning.	'Oh, not Hic-cup,' groaned Dogsbreath the Duhbrain and most of the other boys. 'You can't put Hiccup in charge, sir, he's USELESS.' Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third, the Hope and Heir to the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, wiped his nose miserably on his sleeve. He sank a little deeper into the snow.
We can infer that Hiccup is worried and nervous, because that can make you feel a bit sick.	We can infer that Hiccup feels upset that they do not want him to be in charge. The fact that he 'wipes his nose miserably' tells us this. Also he sinks into the snow which shows how disappointed he is.
Dialogue	Thoughts
'PAY ATTENTION!' screamed Gobber the Belch, the soldier in charge of teaching Initiation.	And it is an ancient tradition of the Hooligan Tribe that you should' – Gobber paused dramatically – 'FIRST CATCH YOUR DRAGON!' Ohhhhhh suffering scallops, thought Hiccup.
We can infer that Gobber is angry because he doesn't just speak, he screams.	We can infer that Hiccup is worried about having to catch a dragon by his reaction, 'Ohhhhhh suffering scallops'. The long 'Ohhhh' shows just how worried he is.



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Can you infer:

The time of day? What the weather is like?

How the characters are feeling?

What is happening? Who are the people in the picture?

Why is this happening?

inferring

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