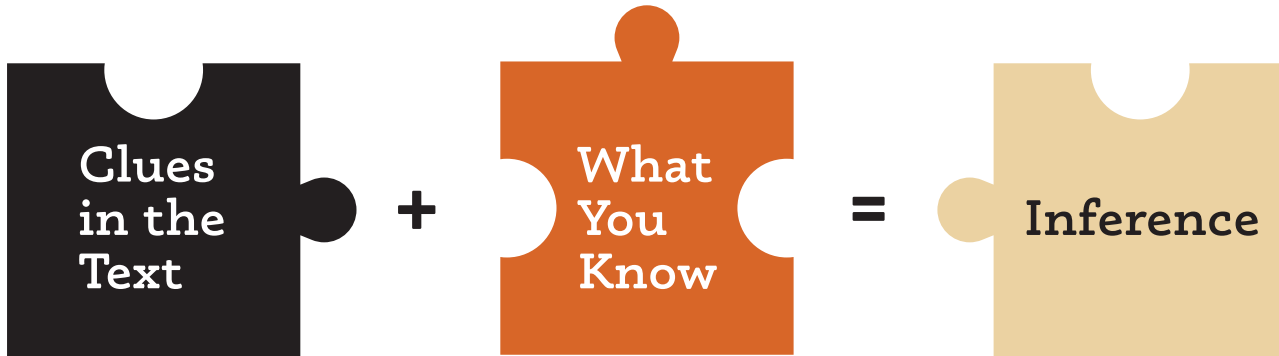# Inference Task Cards Sample Answers

A reader must make an inference when the author does not tell everything about the story. Making an **inference** is like putting the pieces of a puzzle together.

Clues in the Text + **What You Know** = **Inference**

Directions: Read the passages and answer the question on your answer document.

1. My teacher walked into class with her glasses on. It was unusual that she wore her glasses. Her eyes were puffy and she talked quietly to the class. On her desk, she had a bag of cough drops and some tea with a bottle of honey next to it.

What was wrong with the teacher?

2. Sarita was excited to get out of the car. She had been waiting for today for weeks and it was finally here. She skipped as she went up the walkway to the house, and her mom opened the door. Suddenly, everyone shouted, "Surprise!"

Why was Sarita excited?

3. Benjamin was nervous for Saturday. He knew that the team would gather at the field in the morning for a pep talk from their coach. Benjamin would find his spot between the goalposts and wait for the action to arrive.

What was Benjamin doing?

4. Lulu's sister was a fantastic artist. One day, Lulu walked into her sister's room to find her crying. There were bright red, blue, yellow, and green puddles of liquid all over the floor.

What caused Lulu's sister to cry?

5. Zander sat at his desk with his headphones on. He saw his teacher's face and his friends' faces on the computer in front of him. He pressed a button so he could lower the volume.

What was Zander doing?

6. Rio and Marcus sat in the backseat of the car as their dad drove. The car traveled quickly on the highway and it seemed like they had been in the car for hours. However, when they reached their destination, it would be all worth it.

What were Rio, Marcus, and their dad doing?

7. As she stood in line, Mona looked at the choices on the menu. There were so many good options, today! She narrowed down her choice to something sweet or something salty. She made a decision, stepped forward, and began to speak.

What was Mona doing?

8. Omar and his team practiced together every day after school. They went to the court behind the school and bounce-passed the ball to each other. Whenever someone scored a basket, everyone would cheer and say, "Nice job!"

What sport did Omar play?

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Answer	Text Evidence: How Do You Know?
1. The teacher was sick.	I know this because the teacher had puffy eyes and wore her glasses. She also had cough drops. A person who has cough drops is usually sick.
2. Sarita was excited because it was a celebration for her.	There was a party or celebration for Sarita because everyone in the house yelled, "Surprise!" when she arrived.
3. Benjamin was getting ready for a (soccer) game or practice.	I know Benjamin was getting ready for a sports game because it says that he was on a team and that there was a coach. A goalpost is a type of sports equipment.
4. Lulu was crying because she spilled paint on the floor.	I know Lulu spilled paint on the floor because there were puddles of red, green, blue, and yellow liquid on the floor. It also says she loves art, so I know that she was probably painting in her room.

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Answer	Text Evidence: How Do You Know?
5. Zander was meeting with his class on the computer.	I know he was meeting with his class on the computer because he was at a desk with headphones on. The passage mentions his teacher and friends, as well as the volume button, which can be found on a computer.
6. Rio, Marcus, and their dad were on a road trip.	I know they were on a road trip because the text said that they had been driving fast on a highway for a long time. That is how long roadtrips are spent.
7. Mona was ordering food.	I know she was ordering food because she looked at a menu. The passage also mentioned sweet and salty, which are associated with the way food tastes.
8. Omar played basketball.	I know he played basketball because he and his teammates passed the ball and scored baskets. These are terms used in the sport of basketball.