

Sentence Stems for Making Inferences

An *inference* is a conclusion you draw based on your own reasoning and evidence found in a reading passage. So, if the author doesn't tell you something, but you make an educated guess based on a clue in the story, you've made an *inference*. Here are some sentence stems you can use when you talk or write about a story.

Inference Sentence Stems

This means that...

This makes me reach the conclusion that...

This suggests...

The description of _____ suggests that...

This made me think _____ because...

In the story, the author suggests....

Practice with a picture! Study the picture and make an inference. **SAMPLE ANSWERS**



What is going on here?

I think the kids are feeling happy at the fair

What do you see that makes you think that?

I see that they are smiling and there is a Ferris wheel in the background

This picture made me think about when I went to the fair with my family because I had fun and felt happy

Now try it with a story. Read the story and make an inference.

Hui Yin stood up tall and smiled. People clapped and cheered as she took a bow. She looked into the crowd and spotted her parents in the front row. They smiled and tossed red roses onto the stage. Then, a man in a suit handed her a large blue ribbon. Hui Yin gasped and held the ribbon up for her parents to see. She pinned the ribbon to her dress and rushed off the stage to hug her family.

In the story, the author suggests that Hui Yin feels proud/won something because she stood up tall and smiled/she took a bow/she got a blue ribbon