

## 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.



**What is going on here?**

I think the kids are \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**What do you see that makes you think that?**

I see \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

This picture made me think \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

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