

Making inferences

Master the reading strategy!



What is inferring?

- gathering information and drawing a conclusion from facts presented by the writer

When do we need to make inferences?

- when writers do not deliver a message directly or do not state his or her point of view with concise wording

How do we make inferences?

- by asking 6W1H questions (who, when, where, what, why, which, how)
- by looking for evidence in the passage that validates or supports the guesses or conclusions that you are trying to make

Let's have a closer look!

Alice went camping with her friends in the woods last weekend. They set up a tent and shared ghost stories around a campfire after dinner. Halfway through their storytelling, they heard a noise from the more remote part of the woods. Shocked and scared, they searched around the forest, only to find nothing strange there.

As they went back to their tent, they all screamed out loud. They found their tent **wrecked and torn into pieces!** Food **with a lot of bite marks** was scattered everywhere on the ground. Intimidated, they grabbed their belongings and left the site as fast as they could. They ran even faster when they spotted a signpost among the bushes that read **'Caution! BEAR IN AREA'**.

How? → Bears have sharp claws.

Why? → Guess!

Their tent was destroyed by _____.

- A. a wolf B. a bear C. a stranger D. a ghost

Let's practise!

I was proud of myself today as I managed to do my own laundry without Mum's help. It was not as easy as I had thought and I'm still drained at the moment!

I found that the lid of the washing machine was broken while I was loading the laundry into the machine. It must have been damaged by my brother Leo because he always slams the lid rudely. I think I'll have to tell Dad about this tomorrow, since Mum has a soft heart and never bears to punish him, and his mischievousness would only, as a result, escalate.

From the paragraphs, we can infer that _____.

- A. the writer's mum always washes the clothes for the writer's family
 B. the writer has one brother only
 C. the writer's dad is stricter than the writer's mum
 D. the washing machine lid is made of metal