

Making inferences

Master the reading strategy!



What is inferring?

- make guesses about a passage's meaning with common sense and clues found in that passage

When do we need to infer meaning?

- when some intended messages are NOT explicitly stated

How to infer meaning?

- look for hints and evidence hidden between the lines
- figure out the implicit ideas with your own knowledge and logical thinking

Let's have a closer look!

She had just gone back home after a long day of work. In consideration of her hungry baby, she started preparing the infant formula right after she had entered the flat. While she was mixing it with water, her baby cried. She hurriedly ran into his room and carried him in her arms. She tried to soothe him by gently rocking him back and forth. Yet, the baby rejected it and cried even louder. She then tried to cheer him up with toys and funny faces, but, unfortunately, neither of them worked. At last, she **figured out the reason** why her baby cried when she **detected an unpleasant smell**.

Where did the 'unpleasant smell' come from? Use your own knowledge and logical thinking to find out the answer.

The baby cried because he _____.

- A. missed his mum
- B. wanted to play
- C. had a dirty diaper
- D. wanted to be hugged

Let's practise!

Jane had always been known to be shy but she was confident today. In her beautiful, silky white gown, she felt like a princess.

She was walking down the aisle gracefully with her father when that world-famous tune started to play. 'You look gorgeous today, sweetie,' her father wiped the tears off his face and whispered to her, 'I'm very happy for you.'

As they reached the end of the aisle, he told the young man in front of him, 'Treat her right. She used to be my princess but now she is yours.'

Jane's father 'wiped the tears off his face' because _____.

- A. Jane was no longer a princess
- B. Jane was going to a better place
- C. Jane was going to marry the young man
- D. the young man was not treating Jane right

Jane's father walked her to the young man. What was Jane wearing? What was she going to do?