



Making inferences



What is inferring?

- draw conclusions using clues

How to make guesses about what is not explicitly stated in the text?

- look for contextual clues such as a character's actions and feelings, facial expressions, word choices, or the author's tone
- try to connect what you are reading to your own experiences and knowledge

Let's look closer!

When *Ultimate Cops* premiered, movie-goers spoke highly of Michelle's performance. She took one of her riskiest shots ever to make the scene more realistic. Local police and ambulances were on standby during filming. The air cushion appeared no larger than a palm when Michelle looked down at it, making this a truly unforgettable moment for the audience.

The greater the distance from the air cushion, the smaller the air cushion appears. Michelle was preparing to jump from a significant height.

DSE 2021 Part B2 Q49 Multiple choice

e.g. What does the sentence 'The air cushion appeared no larger than a palm when Michelle looked down at it' suggest?

- A. The air cushion was too small for Michelle.
- B. Michelle had to do a high-fall stunt.
- C. The production team was all ready for this scene.
- D. Michelle was nervous about the scene.

- A B C D
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During the financial crisis, a major investment bank in Hong Kong that served many wealthy clients filed for bankruptcy. The impact was severe.

The financial crisis led to a bank's closure and caused many of its wealthy clients to lose money. Therefore, the impact was bad.

DSE 2020 Part A Q7 Short answer

e.g. State ONE reason why the financial crisis was bad.

It affected many wealthy people.

Let's practise!

In recent years, there have been fewer street vendors as online shopping is becoming increasingly popular. Additionally, traditional stores have found it difficult to compete with hosts of e-commerce live streams.

DSE 2022 Part A Q16 Multiple choice

① Why are there fewer street vendors in Hong Kong?

A. The number of customers of physical shops has dropped.

B. Customers prefer to see live stream hosts in person.

C. Many street vendors have become online sellers.

D. Online sellers provide a wider selection of goods than street vendors.

A B C D

Hong Kong free-to-air television stations lost over HK\$700 million last year, as viewers shifted their attention to streaming platforms. Can the declining market win you back?

Try this simple test. Say the following out loud:

- *Fixed schedule of TV shows*
- *Commercials*

If either of these factors puts you off, you may be part of the problem for traditional broadcast television.

DSE 2021 Part A Q12 Short answer

② Why do the television stations want to 'win you back' (line 2)?

DSE 2021 Part A Q13 Short answer

③ What can the 'simple test' (line 3) discover?

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Exam Booster

USERNAME	COMMENT
Chris_B at 3:00 pm	Why don't we keep a stray cat as a class pet?
Kimchi at 3:11 pm	Things are not that simple. Stray cats live in unsanitary conditions and can carry diseases. Additionally, many of them are not used to being around humans and may become aggressive or unpredictable.

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DSE 2021 Part B1 Q34 Short answer

① Why does Kimchi say 'Things are not that simple' (line 3)?

Because Kimchi wants to show _____
