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Drawing inferences

What meaning can you make from an action, image or text?

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Look at this picture of a cat.

- What do you think is happening?

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Why do you think that?

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Read the following sentence.

"A boy is walking into school. He is holding his father's hand tightly and his eyes are as big as saucers."

- What meaning can you make from the sentence?
- This is called **inferring**.
- It means using clues in the text and your background knowledge to 'read between the lines'.

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Turn to the first chapter in your book.

- Read the chapter.

- Now look back through it for text clues.
- What can you infer from these clues?

- Look at the pictures in the chapter too.
- Can you infer anything from the pictures?

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Think about the inferences you have made.

- Authors expect readers to figure some things out.

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What would happen if the author explained everything?
How would that change the writing?

- Predict what you think will happen next!

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