



Teacher Scaffold for How-to Step 1: Making Inferences

What Does It Mean to Make an Inference?

An **inference** is an educated guess. You make an inference when you draw a conclusion using evidence and reasoning. When you make an inference while reading, you use evidence in the text to draw a logical conclusion.

For example, if you read that a character in a book tasted broccoli for the first time and frowned, you can infer that the character does not like broccoli. Or if you read that the dinner guests asked for seconds, you can infer that the guests enjoyed the meal. Helping your child understand when information is implied (not directly stated) will improve your child's ability to draw conclusions and understand what is read.

Preparation Box

Cue Up Videos

- 1.1 Incredible Inferences
<https://youtu.be/8rl7IQ8R8Ro> (5:58)

Print Family Activities

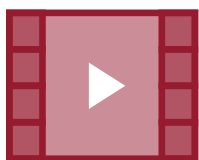
- Incredible Inferences



Family Activities for How-to Step 1: Making Inferences

Prepare the Family Activity before meeting with families by cutting apart the inference cards, inference triangles, and the counters.

Let's look at the Family Activity **Incredible Inferences**. The activity includes the directions, an example, the answers (for the adult), and the materials needed. For this activity you will take turns with your child, selecting a card, reading it out loud, and answering a question by making an inference based on what you read. Inference triangles include inferences that are based on the cards that are read. Next, you will check your inference triangle to see if that inference is there. Let's try one! *Model at least one example. Include family members in the model, either the whole family or members who volunteer.*



Family Literacy Video

Let's watch a video of a mom and her children playing **Incredible Inferences**. *Review the key points before or after the video. Answer family questions about the video.*

1.1 Incredible Inferences (5:58)

Key Points about the Video

- Mom describes what an inference is before she and the kids play the game.
- Mom asks kids to show evidence from the text to support their inference.
- Mom and the kids have fun playing the game.

Take the Family Activity home and have fun making inferences. Tell your child you are proud that he or she is practicing reading!