

## DRAWING INFERENCES

### What is An Inference?

An **inference** is a logical conclusion based on the facts written in a text. When you read, you draw inferences or make conclusions based on what you read. The conclusion may not be stated in the text, but from what the writing tells the reader, the reader infers what is meant.

#### You can use...

1. facts and details written in the text
2. your background knowledge: what you have learned already
3. what you have learned from your personal experiences

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A fact may  
fact is true

When you

- what happened in a story
- why something happened in the story
- what is going to happen next in a story

#### **Example:**

It was 6:00 PM. Matt set the table. He was sure to give everyone a plate, fork, spoon, knife, napkin, and a glass. His Mom called Matt and the rest of the family to the table.

#### **What can we infer after reading this paragraph?**

We can infer that Matt and his family are about to eat dinner.

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