

Making Inferences

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Objective

- Use story details
- Life experiences
- Prior knowledge
- To make inferences about a character (feelings) and events.

Author's do not explain everything in a story.

- Readers use **story clues**.
 - They use details about what they've read to make an inference.
- Readers use **prior knowledge**.
 - They make “text to text” connections.
- Readers use their own **personal experience**.
 - They make “text to self” connections.
- The combination of these strategies allow readers to make a inferences (reasonable guesses) about characters and events.

Jake Tries to Catch a Fish

Jake stood on the riverbank. He cast his fishing pole into the deep water. He had been trying to catch a fish for many hours. Alex and Zach laughed as they watched Jake throw the line into the water one more time.

What kind of person is Jake?

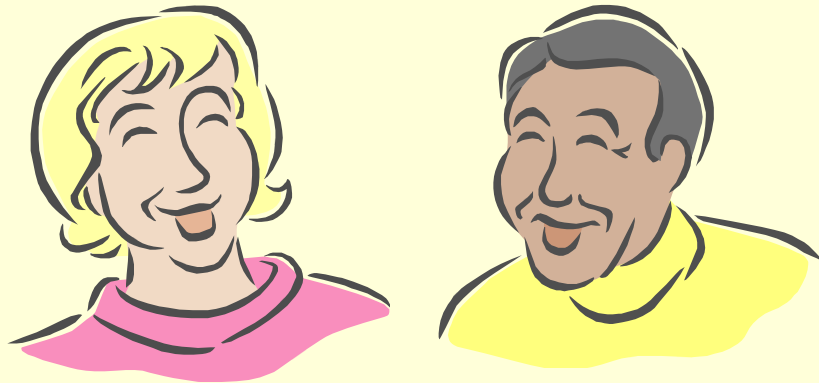
- Patient
- Hard working



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How do you think Alex and Zach feel about Jake's efforts to catch a fish?

- He is wasting his time.
- He won't catch a fish.



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How does Jim feel?

- Worried
- Scared
- Alone

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What story clues helped you figure out how Jim feels?

- His heart beat fast.
- He had never traveled alone.

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What personal experience or prior knowledge helped you figure out how Jim feels?

- Text to Self
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What are the three strategies you can use to make inferences?

- Story Clues
- Personal Experience
 - Text to Self
- Prior Knowledge
 - Text to Text



And sometimes a picture

