

Warm Up # 7

Making Inferences

Inferences are "educated guesses." They are conclusions we draw based on clues that are given to us. This exercise helps you practice making inferences.

Directions: Read each of the paragraphs below. Then answer the question at the end (3 sentences or more).

1. *Does your dog bolt excitedly for the door as soon as you've attached the leash? If so, then you're likely to have a frenzied walk. Rather than allowing yourself to be dragged down the street, give your dog a few minutes to calm down. Don't leave the house until the dog is calm. It's important to encourage and reward her good behavior with praise. Begin the walk only when she is completely calm. If she gets excited again, stop the walk immediately until she calms down.*

Question: What clues tell you that this paragraph is about dog training?

2. *The best time to plant a new tree is in autumn or spring. Before you plant, make sure the ground is neither frozen nor soggy. The temperature should be relatively mild. The tree will need several weeks to recover from the shock of transplant before new growth can begin.*

Question: Why is autumn or spring the best time to plant a new tree?