

## Making Inferences

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**DIRECTIONS** Read the following passage. Combine details from the text with your own knowledge and experience to make inferences about setting, character, and plot.

After adjusting her swimming trunks on her feet and immediately checked to be sure she hadn't missed the remaining items. Through the thick curtain she heard the audience murmuring. Although she could not yet see them, her ears told her it must be a packed house. She'd dreamed of this moment all her life, spent years training her body to move gracefully in rhythm with the music. The first weeks leading up to tonight had been especially trying and Adrián had the tickets and tickets to prove it. They were carefully hidden, of course, under delicate white gloves with ribbons that encircled her wrists. The first notes of the opening number were ringing in the air as Adrián quickly took her place center stage. She took a deep breath, as she'd been taught, and tried to send all of the negative emotions out of her body as she slowly exhaled. The curtain parted.

1. **Setting** - What can you infer about the time and place?

What evidence did you find in the text?

What experience/knowledge do you already have about the topic?

What inferences can you make about the setting?

2. **Character** - What can you infer about how the character feels?

What evidence did you find in the text?

What experience/knowledge do you already have about the topic?

What can you infer about the character's feelings?

3. **Plot** - What can you infer about the character is doing?

What evidence did you find in the text?

What experience/knowledge do you already have about the topic?

What can you infer about the character is doing?