

## Making Inferences

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

After about ten passing hours on her deck and immediately adjacent to her was the boat's dented and shivering cabin. Through the thick curtain she heard the audience murmuring although she couldn't see any faces, but she knew that it must be a packed house. She'd dreamed of the moment all her life, seven years training her body to move gracefully in rhythm with the music. The first weeks leading up to tonight had been especially tough, and Adrienne had the athletes and coaches to prove it. They were carefully followed, of course, under delicate white sheets with ribbons that provided her advice. The first instant of the opening number came flooding in. She did as Adrienne quickly had her place number steps. She took a deep breath, as she'd been taught, and tried to ward off all the negative emotions out of her body as she slowly inhaled. The curtains parted.

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

<b>What evidence did you find in the text?</b>	<b>What experience/knowledge do you already have about the topic?</b>	<b>What inferences can you make about the setting?</b>

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

<b>What evidence did you find in the text?</b>	<b>What experience/knowledge do you already have about the topic?</b>	<b>What can you infer about the character's feelings?</b>

3. **Plot** - What can you infer about the character's story?

<b>What evidence did you find in the text?</b>	<b>What experience/knowledge do you already have about the topic?</b>	<b>What can you infer about the character's story?</b>