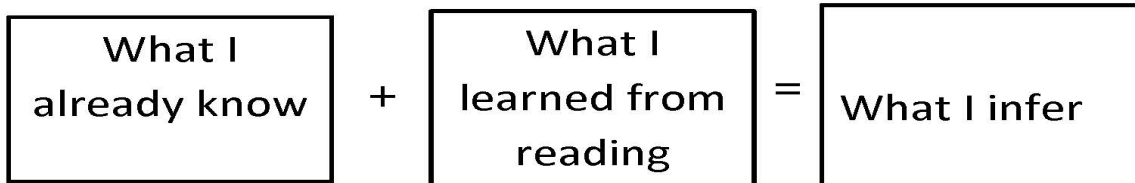


Making Inferences

Definition: An inference is a conclusion that a reader makes while reading or after reading. This conclusion is based on what the reader knows outside of the text **plus** information that is presented in the text, like a guess.



Keywords:

<i>imply</i>	<i>conclude</i>	<i>decide</i>	<i>decide</i>	<i>indicate</i>	<i>predict</i>	<i>suggest</i>	<i>seem</i>	<i>most likely</i>	<i>probably</i>	<i>assume</i>	<i>infer</i>
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Therefore, when you are presented with questions that include the words above, you are being asked to make an inference.

What will inference questions look like?

- 1- The question may ask you to respond by using clues from the text.
- 2- You may be asked to define a word used in a passage.
- 3- The question may ask you to read the authors mind based on clues.

How should you answer inference-based questions?

- 1- Look out for the words that ask you to make a "guess." Examples of such words are presented above.
- 2- Make sure that your answer can be supported by information or details presented in the text.
- 3- Remember, when you are asked to define a word used in a text, your answer must be supported by the way it is being used in that specific text. That is because some words may have a different meaning based on how it is being used.