

# Reading Comprehension Skills

## Inference

### What is it?

Inference is a skill we use when reading. It is when you use clues in the text and our prior knowledge to get a deeper meaning from what the author has written.

When we infer, we are 'reading between the lines' of a text.

### Why do we use it?

We use inference to help us to understand a text in a deeper way. We fill in the gaps that the authors haven't included. We can infer characters' feelings or thoughts, things that have happened, the setting, the weather, as well as many other things to make the text more interesting to read.

### When do we use it?

Everyday! We use it when we are reading, when we are watching things, even when we look at pictures!

### How do we use it?

When we read, we look for clues to help us make a picture in our mind.

- Use clues from the text to find your answer.
- Add the clues to our prior knowledge.
- There can be more than one right answer.

