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Reading Between the Lines



An **inference** is a conclusion you come to based on reasoning and evidence within a text. Read each paragraph below and answer the inference question that follows.

Harold grunted as he walked into the house. He carried four paper bags in his arms, each one filled to the brim. Suddenly, he tripped and one of the bags fell, spilling oranges, a loaf of bread, and two sticks of butter onto the floor. "At least I didn't drop the eggs!" he exclaimed.

Where was Harold before he got home? How do you know?

Each day, before Renee goes to work, she puts on her brown uniform and sturdy work boots. She has to get to work early because a lot of creatures, big and small, are counting on her for their breakfast. Later in the day, she will make sure their habitats are clean. Sometimes she gets dirty at work, but she enjoys seeing all the people who come to visit, peeking through fences and windows as she works.

Where does Renee work? How do you know?

Patrick arrived home from school with a grin. He burst through the front door and ran into the living room where he saw boxes wrapped in shiny paper and balloons tied to a chair. On the counter sat a chocolate cake with eleven candles. He reached for a taste of the frosting, but his mother scolded, "We have to sing to you before eating the cake!"

What is Patrick celebrating? How do you know?

Lucy sighed happily as she curled into a ball and licked her fur. After a long afternoon of laying in the sun, she was happy to be snuggled up on her soft bed. She purred contentedly as she closed her eyes, ready for a nap. Suddenly, she heard a buzzing noise. Her eyes snapped open and her ears twitched. She spotted a fly landing nearby. Lucy watched it carefully for a moment and then, POUNCE! She caught it!

Who is Lucy? How do you know?