Inferential thinking is like reading "between the lines." We try to understand information that the author didn’t tell us. You infer information everyday when you read people’s expressions, tone of voice or body language. Some people are better at this than others! Let’s learn more!

What is an inference?

🌟 You make an inference when you use clues from the story to figure out something that the author doesn’t tell you.

🌟 When you make an inference, be able to identify the clues that you used.

🌟 Sometimes you will hear the word inference, inferential, or inferring. These words come from the root or base word, infer, but all mean the same thing.

When making inferences think about these questions:

- How do think the character is feeling?
- What did this story make you think about?
- Why did the character (act, think, talk) that way?
- What’s this story really about?
- What is the author really trying to say?
- Can you infer where the story is going?

REMEMBER:
To make an inference is to make a best guess using clues from the story. Clues can come in many forms. Context clues and picture clues are the most popular!