

An open book with yellowed pages lies on a dark wooden surface. The background is a soft-focus, dreamy scene with a light blue sky, numerous small white birds in flight, and several white paper flowers and butterflies scattered throughout. The word 'INFERENCE' is written in large, stylized, bubbly letters with a pink-to-blue gradient and a black outline, centered over the book.

INFERENCE

SESSION 3

Inference - more precise
reading between the lines
comes from you
filling in (in your head) what has not
been written on the page



Today we are going to be inferring from extracts from our book 'Warrior Heroes'.

For each extract, you need to become a detective and dig deeper (in-between the lines). What has the author told you without writing it down?





Sometimes you will have to work out what is meant in a text. The technical term for this is *inference*, although it is also referred to as 'reading between the lines'. This is where you will need to look for what is suggested, rather than just what is being stated clearly or obviously. *Detective skills are required.*

Depending on what you are reading, you will find different things inferred. It could be:

- a general fact or a precise piece of information
- emotions and feelings
- the author's opinions or feelings

To infer successfully there are a number of things you should do.

For example:

- Look for clues or references in the text.
- Think about the connotations of words used in the text.
- Match something in the text to your own understanding, experience or knowledge.

'There was fire in Marcus' eyes as he opened his mouth to reply, but the words died on his lips as the door to the boys' room opened.'

- What can you infer?
- Write your ideas around the extract - remember to say why you think that
- E.g. I think he was _____ because _____

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"The match will be fair enough," Lucius replied, sneering at Finn. "What could be fairer than a fight between two brothers?"

An eerie silence filled the cell as everyone stared at Lucius.'

What can you infer about Lucius from this extract?



Now read Chapter 8 at your own pace.

