INFERENCE

SESSION 2

What is inference?

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.

Tell me three things you can infer from this image:

What can you infer from this sentence?

His entire body shook and he could feel his face becoming redder and redder, "I'll get you Peter Pan!" he screamed.

Read Chapter 7 of our Warrior Heroes text. Once you have finished it, see if your prediction from last week was right.

What can you infer about Lucilla?

Challenge: Can you use evidence to support your ideas.