

Inferences and Predictions Worksheet

Working out what is not said, and what happens next.

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Simple picture inferences from about 4

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An inference is an answer the text or the picture does not give you directly. "The girl is holding an umbrella and her coat is wet" does not say it is raining, but that is the answer. A prediction is the same skill pointed forwards: what is about to happen, given what you can already see. Both need the child to hold several clues at once and put them together, which is why they come after literal WH-questions rather than beside them.

What to expect: A child who is not ready will answer with something they can see rather than something they worked out - asked why the boy is smiling, they will tell you he has a blue shirt. Naming the clues out loud is what teaches the move: "his plate is empty, and he is rubbing his tummy, so how does he feel?"

Who Am I?

Read the description. The child works out who is being described and says how they knew. Ask for the clue every time, not just the answer.

1. I wear a helmet and heavy boots. I climb ladders and carry a hose. Who am I?
2. I keep your teeth clean and ask you to open wide. I have a little mirror. Who am I?
3. I bring things to your door and I carry a heavy bag. Who am I?
4. I stand at the front of the room and I read stories out loud. Who am I?
5. I wear an apron and I take bread out of a hot oven. Who am I?
6. I cut hair and I turn the chair around so you can see. Who am I?
7. I look after animals when they are sick. Who am I?
8. I grow food and I get up before the sun. Who am I?

Where Am I?

Read the description. The child works out the place, then says which clue gave it away.

9. I can smell popcorn and it is very dark. Everyone is looking the same way. Where am I?

10. There are shelves everywhere and everyone is whispering. Where am I?
11. I can hear waves and my feet are hot. Where am I?
12. People are pushing carts and there is music playing. Where am I?
13. There are animals in pens and it smells like hay. Where am I?
14. I am holding a ticket and a train is coming. Where am I?
15. Everyone has a swimming costume on and the floor is wet. Where am I?
16. There are slides and swings and my friends are here. Where am I?

What Am I?

Read the description. The child names the object and says which clue was the useful one.

17. I am cold and white and I fall from the sky in winter. What am I?
18. You wear me on your feet and you tie me up. What am I?
19. I have four legs but I cannot walk. You eat your dinner at me. What am I?
20. I am round and you kick me. What am I?
21. I am yellow, I have a point, and I write. What am I?
22. I hold your clothes and you take me on holiday. What am I?
23. I have a handle and a spout and I pour hot water. What am I?
24. I tell you the time and I go on your wrist. What am I?

When Is This?

Read the description. The child works out the time of day, season or occasion.

25. Everyone is in pajamas and the sky is dark. When is this?
26. There are candles on a cake and everyone is singing. When is this?
27. The leaves are orange and they are falling off the trees. When is this?

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28. We are eating cereal and the sun has just come up. When is this?
29. Everyone has a coat and a hat on and you can see your breath. When is this?
30. The bell is ringing and everyone is running to the gate. When is this?

What Happens Next?

Read the situation. The child predicts what happens next and says why. More than one answer can be right, so ask for the reason.

31. The boy has filled the glass right to the top and he is carrying it across the room. What happens next?
32. Dark clouds are coming and the family is putting the picnic back in the basket. What happens next?
33. The cat is crouching low and staring at a bird on the fence. What happens next?
34. She has blown up the balloon as big as it will go and she is still blowing. What happens next?
35. The tower of blocks is very tall and wobbling. What happens next?
36. He forgot his lunchbox on the kitchen table. What happens next?
37. The dog has seen its lead in your hand. What happens next?

Answer Key

Who Am I?

1. A firefighter
2. A dentist
3. A mail carrier
4. A teacher
5. A baker
6. A hairdresser
7. A vet
8. A farmer

Where Am I?

9. At the movies
10. At the library
11. At the beach
12. At the supermarket
13. On a farm
14. At the train station
15. At the swimming pool
16. At the park

What Am I?

17. Snow
18. Shoes
19. A table
20. A ball
21. A pencil
22. A suitcase
23. A kettle
24. A watch

When Is This?

25. Bedtime, at night
26. A birthday
27. Autumn
28. Breakfast time, in the morning
29. Winter
30. The end of the school day

What Happens Next?

31. He spills it
32. It rains
33. The cat pounces and the bird flies away
34. The balloon pops
35. It falls over
36. He has no lunch, or someone brings it to him
37. It gets excited and wants a walk