

Make Inferences • Ready for Rescue • 1

To help you make inferences as you read, remember:

- An **inference** is a combination of text clues and what you already know.
- A **text clue** is a key word or detail that helps a reader figure out an unstated idea.
- **Background knowledge** is what you already know about a topic.

Read “Fire Alarm!” Find text clues and combine them with your own knowledge to make an inference. Then mark the text.

Fire Alarm!

Jenny’s father is a firefighter. One day, the fire alarm rang at Jenny’s school. Everyone left the building. Soon, they heard the sound of sirens. A fire truck roared up. Firefighters jumped out and ran inside the school. Jenny saw her dad with them. Twenty minutes later, the firefighters came back out.

Jenny’s father walked up to her class. “You can go back in, kids” he said. “The school is safe.” He gave Jenny a quick hug and then jumped back on the fire truck.

Making Inferences Text Marks

-  Underline **text clues**.
-  Think about what you already know.
-  Write an **inference**.

Mark the Text

Make an inference: What did the firefighters find inside the school?

-  Underline the text clues.
-  Think about what you already know.
-  Write your inference on the line.

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Read “Blackout!” Find text clues and combine them with your own knowledge to make an inference. Then mark the text.

Blackout!

Miguel’s mother is a police officer. She works downtown in the city. Miguel goes to a day camp in the summer. His mother usually drops him off and picks him up. But one day last summer, things were different. The temperature soared. Soon, it was over 100 degrees. Suddenly, all the lights went off. There was no electricity in the whole city.

That day, Miguel’s father picked him up from camp. They drove home carefully. They had take-out food for dinner.

Miguel’s mother got home late. She had to work until 10:00. She said her arms were really tired. She directed traffic for six hours that day!



Mark the Text

Make an inference: Why did Miguel’s mother have to direct traffic for six hours?

- Underline text clues.
- 💡 Think about what you already know.
- ✎ Write your inference on the lines.

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Read “Emergency!” Find text clues and combine them with your own knowledge to make an inference. Then mark the text.

Emergency!

Ty’s father is an EMT. He works inside an ambulance. He takes care of people in an emergency.

One evening, the phone rang. Ty’s father picked it up. He said he would be right there. Ty’s dad said that a young couple needed an ambulance. The woman had to get to the hospital right away.

Four hours later, Ty’s dad came home. He had a big smile on his face. He told Ty what happened. “We picked up two people. By the time we got to the hospital, there were three of them!”

“Great work, Dad,” Ty said.



Mark the Text

Make an inference: What happened in the ambulance?

- Underline text clues.
- 💡 Think about what you already know.
- ✎ Write your inference on the lines.