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*Making
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What is an inference?

- A conclusion drawn based on evidence and reasoning.
- To infer something means to speculate or guess based on facts.

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Explicit vs. Implicit

- Explicit information is something that is clearly stated. It is described straightforwardly so that there can be no confusion.
- Implicit information is something that is implied. It's assumed or suspected based on reasoning.
- Use explicit and implicit information, plus your background knowledge to make inferences.

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Example 1: What implicit and explicit information can you gather from the following photo?



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Explicit PREVIEW

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- The person is in a car.
- The person is in the driver's seat of the car.
- The vehicle is silver.
- The person is holding a cell phone.
- The person is gesturing out the window.
- There is another car directly next to the silver car.

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*Explicit information doesn't require an explanation.

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Implicit PREVIEW

- The woman is dressed professionally.
- The woman is looking out the window upset and angry.
- The woman is gesturing at another person or something in front of her.
- The woman is talking on the phone while driving.
- The woman has somewhere important she needs to be.

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- The woman is upset that she is stuck in traffic.
- She is on her way to work but will be late.
- She is on an important call to explain her tardiness.

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Example 2: What implicit and explicit information can you gather from the following photo?



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Explicit PREVIEW

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• A person is sitting on a couch holding a mug.

• The person is inside.

• The person is wrapped in a blanket.

• The person has blonde hair.

• The person is sitting next to a green pillow.

• There are used tissues on the couch.

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Implicit PREVIEW

- The woman is cold since she is wrapped in a blanket, wearing long layers of clothing.
- The woman is drinking a hot beverage because she is using a mug and is blowing on the beverage to cool it down.
- The woman is at her home because of the way she's sitting and the homelike furniture around her.
- The woman used multiple tissues to blow her nose.

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- The woman has a cold or the flu.
- The woman stayed home from work or school because she is sick.

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Example 3: What can you infer from the following photo based on implicit and explicit information?

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- The man is about to workout outside because he's wearing exercise clothing such as stretchy pants, sneakers, and a sweatshirt.
- It's early morning because the sun is out.
- It's cold outside because the man is dressed in layers even though he's going to exercise; plus, his hood is up.
- The man is going on a run since he is stretching his legs and wearing running shoes. He hasn't run yet because he's not sweaty.
- The man enjoys exercise and being outside because he is smiling.

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Example 4: What can you infer from the following photo based on implicit and explicit information?



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- The pets chewed up toilet paper and some of the couch because there are pieces everywhere.
- The dog is the one being blamed because the person's finger is pointing at the dog.
- The owner is angry because he/she is pointing a finger and the animals look ashamed.
- The cat is looking down because the owner is yelling.
- The animals are sorry for the mess they caused.

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Practice: PREVIEW

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The family is going to church.

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The mom is driving the narrator to school and it is cold outside.

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Shirley is a classmate of Jodie's. Shirley is having an allergic reaction to the cookies that Jodie's mom made; Jodie is probably allergic to peanuts because it's a very common allergy.

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Tim was at the beach and now has a painful sunburn.

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Anthony and Jonah are brothers. Jonah was supposed to watch Anthony’s rabbit while Jonah wasn’t home, but he let the rabbit out and it ran away. Now Anthony is devastated and disappointed.

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Britney and Sophia are going to make a pepperoni pizza using a conventional oven at home.

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Juan finally answered me, "Was that real?"

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"Are we safe?" Juan asked desperately.

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Juan and the narrator visited an old haunted building with a supernatural legend. They saw a ghost which left them terrified.

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What is an inference?

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