


# Inferring

## Activity: Mrs. Pingel's Inferring Activity

**Purpose:** To practice making inferences based on clues in the text.

1. Teacher selects an inferring card (see below) and reads the card aloud to students explaining how the text gives you clues so that you could make inferences as to what the card is describing.
2. Students select an inferring card and read it aloud. Their classmates make inferences as to what is being described on the card.
3. Remember, students need to tell which clues helped them make their inferences.
4. In your writing lab, encourage students to use the blank inferring cards and write their own inferring cards to add to the classroom deck.



Can you infer where I am?

It's so dark in here. What's that squeaky sound?  
Ooh, I feel something sticky and stringy touching my face.  
I'm getting nervous!

**Answer:** I'm in a spook house!



Can you infer where I am and what I am doing?

I see bubbles rising. I hear my own breathing. There are fish swimming above me. I feel the seaweed swaying.

Answer: Scuba diving in the sea!



Can you infer where I am and what I am doing?

I hear screaming. My stomach feels funny. Can you see my hair blowing? I'm feeling excited!

Answer: I'm on an amusement park ride.



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I hear a loud "thwack" as the ball leaves the ballpark and the crowd roars with cheers!

Answer: I'm at a baseball game.



What can you infer from this?

Ray always carried his flute with him.

Inference: The flute was important to him.



What can you infer about Tamika's father?

After Tamika broke the trophy, her father turned and walked away without saying anything.

Inference: Tamika's father is upset.



What can you infer from this?

"It's both of us or nothing!"

Inference: They are good friends.



What can you infer about grandma?

Grandma's mouth dropped open. Her hands flew to her face.

Inference: Grandma is surprised.

