

Making inferences

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet



When you **infer**, you use clues from the story and what you already know to figure something out.

Read the story and underline clues to help you *infer* where Liz and her mom are driving. Then fill out the chart below:

Liz leaned her head against the car window, watching the trees blur past. Her eyelids felt heavy, and she let out a small sigh. Mom glanced over at her. "Are you okay, Lizzie?"

Liz nodded but didn't say anything. Her throat felt scratchy, and her head was warm. She pulled her jacket tighter around her even though the car heater was on.

Mom reached into her bag and passed Liz a water bottle. "Try to drink a little," she said.

Liz took a small sip and closed her eyes. The gentle hum of the car made her feel even sleepier. Mom slowed down at a red light. Liz peeked out the window and saw a big brick building with sliding glass doors. A few people walked inside, bundled up in coats.

Mom turned the steering wheel and pulled into the parking lot. "We'll be there in just a minute," she said softly.



Liz rubbed her eyes. She hoped they wouldn't have to wait too long.

Top Two Clues in Text	What I Know	Inference
		Liz and her mom are driving to _____

Read the story and underline clues to help you *infer* why today is a big day. Then fill out the chart below:

Luis jumped out of bed before his alarm even went off. He threw on his favorite shirt (the one with the bright red stripes) and then ran downstairs.

Bright blue balloons were tied to the chairs. A big colorful banner stretched across the wall.

Luis grinned. "Whoa! Pancakes and decorations?"

Mom winked. "Only for someone very special."

Luis slid into his chair. His plate was already piled high with pancakes, covered in syrup and sprinkles. His little sister, Ava, clapped her hands. "You're old today!" she said.



At school, his best friend, Lucas, gave him a high five. "Excited?" Lucas asked.

Luis tried to play it cool, but he couldn't stop smiling. "Maybe," he said.

During math, Luis could hardly sit still. He tapped his pencil, bounced his leg and kept looking at the clock. The day was taking forever!

When he got home, Mom had a big smile on her face. "Ready for your friends to get here?" she asked.

"I can't wait!" Luis replied.

Top Two Clues in Text	What I Know	Inference
		Today is a big day because _____ _____

Answers

Top Two Clues in Text	What I Know	Inference
<p>Answers may include any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Liz's eyelids felt heavy.</u>- <u>Liz's throat felt scratchy.</u>- <u>Liz's forehead felt warm.</u>- <u>Liz and her mom pulled up to a big building.</u>- <u>Liz hopes they won't have to wait long.</u>	<p>Answers will vary.</p>	<p>Liz and her mom are driving to <u>the doctor.</u></p>

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<p>Answers may include any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Luis woke up early.</u>- <u>Downstairs, there are balloons and a colorful banner.</u>- <u>Luis' mom is making special pancakes.</u>- <u>Luis' sister told him that he's old.</u>- <u>Luis' friend asked him if he was excited.</u>- <u>Luis is going to have his friends over.</u>	<p>Answers will vary.</p>	<p>Today is a big day because <u>it is Luis' birthday.</u></p>