

 Says vs. Suggests

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My level: ☐  Explorer ☐  Investigator ☐  Legend

Mission: Readers must know the difference between what a text SAYS and what it SUGGESTS. Mark explicit facts and inference clues in "The Lunch Table," then write inferences that are backed by evidence.

Big question: How do we distinguish what a text says explicitly from what we infer?

 Warm-up: Says or suggests?

Label each: S (says) or I (infer).

"Sam is ten years old."

"Sam slammed the door and stomped upstairs."

Key vocabulary	
Explicit	Stated directly in the text.
Implicit	Suggested by clues.
Infer	Figure out using clues and knowledge.
Body language	What actions show about feelings.

 Box 1

Mark both kinds

In the simulator: Mark two explicit facts () and three inference clues ().

What did you notice?

 Box 2

Infer the feeling

What can you infer from "She took out a book... even though she didn't turn a single page"?

☐ She is using the book to hide because she feels lonely or nervous ☐ She is a slow reader ☐ The book is boring

Sort the statements

Is each statement stated or inferred?

Sort: Jordan is new at the school. · Jordan feels left out. · Kai sits across from Jordan. · Kai is kind and friendly. · Jordan begins to feel hopeful.

Stated explicitly	Inferred

3 Box 3

Write an inference with evidence

How does Jordan feel at the end, and how do you know?

Inference Start: "At the end, Jordan feels..."

Evidence

Explain Start: "This clue suggests..."

4 Box 4

Legend: predict 🏆 Legend only

Predict what happens next and support your prediction with an inference from the text.



Exit ticket: answer the big question in your own words

How do we distinguish what a text says explicitly from what we infer?

Completion code:

Shown on the last screen of the simulator.