

Be an Inference-igator!



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Authors don't always come out and directly tell you everything in a story. Some things you just have to figure out for yourself by making *inferences*, or smart guesses. Some people call this "reading between the lines." Making inferences is a little bit like being an investigator. First, you must look closely for details that contain clues. Next, connect the clues to your own life. Then, you can make a smart inference or conclusion.

In the chart below are details from the story. Be an "inference-igator" and look for clues to help you make inferences. Fill in the boxes with the missing information. The first one has been done for you

<u>DETAILS</u> + <u>WHAT I KNOW</u> = <u>MY INFERENCE</u> (make a connection)		
Rob's mom died, but his dad won't let him cry about it.	<i>I know</i> it'd be hard not to cry. <i>I would</i> be miserable if it were me.	<i>I think</i> Rob has been miserable the last six months, maybe even depressed.
Sistine is wearing a pink lacy dress. No one wears pink lacy dresses to this school.	<i>I know</i>	<i>I think</i>
In a memory, dad didn't want Rob jiggling mom's bed. She was in pain.	<i>I know</i>	<i>I think</i>
Mr. Phelmer's office is small, dark, and smells like pipe tobacco.	<i>I know</i>	<i>I think</i>
On the way home, Rob is relieved when the bullies interrupt the conversation between him and Sistine.	<i>I know</i>	<i>I think</i>
Rob and his father live in a motel. Dad won't let him out in rain because the medicine costs too much to get washed off.	<i>I know</i>	<i>I think</i>
Dad says he isn't hungry and wants Rob to eat up. Rob hears Dad's stomach growl during his nap.	<i>I know</i>	<i>I think</i>