

Y5 Inference Prediction

KS2 Y5 English · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

How does Priya feel at the start? Give evidence.

Step 1 · Point

Priya feels very nervous.

Step 2 · Evidence (quote)

She was gripping the case 'so tightly that her knuckles turned white'.

Step 3 · Explain

Gripping that hard shows how tense and frightened she is.

Answer: Priya feels very nervous: she grips the case 'so tightly that her knuckles turned white', which shows she is tense.

Check: Point, evidence, explain.

2. Now try one with the steps

What does 'her feet stayed exactly where they were' suggest?

Step 1 · What does the sentence literally say?

Step 2 · Link it to what came before

Step 3 · Infer

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What is an inference?

2. 'Her knuckles turned white.' What does this suggest about Priya?

3. 'Priya's mouth was dry.' What feeling does this show?

4. Nani 'had flown all the way from Mumbai'. What does this tell us about Nani?

5. What does P.E.E. stand for when answering inference questions?

6. 'Priya nodded, but her feet stayed exactly where they were.' What does the word 'but' show?

7. What is a prediction?

8. 'Priya lifted her chin.' What does this action suggest?

9. 'A small, dry cough that she knew well.' Whose cough do you think it is? Explain.

10. Write a P.E.E. answer: How does Priya feel at the end of the passage? (final sentence: 'Priya took a deep breath, lifted her chin and stepped into the light.')
11. Predict what Priya will do after she 'stepped into the light'. Give a reason.
12. Why might the writer have chosen not to say 'it was Nani' after the cough?
13. Infer one thing about Mr Doyle from: "‘You’ll be brilliant,’ whispered Mr Doyle, giving her a thumbs-up."
14. Why is it important to give evidence for an inference?

4. Before you hand it in

'Priya is nervous.' (with no evidence)

Add a quotation and explain it: '...because her mouth was dry, which is a sign of fear.'

Quoting a whole paragraph

Pick the few words that best prove your point: 'knuckles turned white'.

Predictions with no link to the text: 'A dragon will attack.'

Say what clue you used: 'Because she stepped into the light, I think...'

Retrieving instead of inferring

Ask: what does this show about the character's feelings, thoughts or motives?