

Making Inferences

An inference is a conclusion that you make based on clues given in a piece of writing. It's more than a guess, but it's not just an observation either.

Directions: Read each paragraph. Then answer the questions to make a logical inference based on textual details.

"Tommy!" Mom called out as she walked in the front door. "Tommy," she continued shouting, "I sure could use some help with these groceries. There was still no reply. Mom walked into the kitchen to put the grocery bags down on the counter when she noticed shattered glass from the picture window all over the living room floor and a baseball not far from there. "I am going to kill you, Tommy!" Mom yelled to herself as she realized that Tommy's shoes were gone.

What happened to the window? _____

How do you know this? _____

Today was a special day in Ms. Smith's class. Some of the children were walking around the room, some of them were standing in small groups, and some of them were at their desks, putting finishing touches on cardboard mailboxes. After coloring a cool flame on the side of his racecar mailbox, Johnny hopped off his chair, strutted over to Veronica's desk and dropped a small white envelope into her castle mailbox. Veronica blushed and played with her hair. While this was happening, Bartleby was frantically trying to put a small white envelope into everyone's mailbox. After giving one to Ms. Smith, Bartleby pulled out a medium-sized red envelope from his pocket. He blushed and tried to put it in Veronica's mailbox, but it wouldn't quite fit. Bartleby struggled with it for a few seconds and then ran off with the envelope. Veronica rolled her eyes and popped her gum. Which

Why is today a special day? _____

What in the text supports your idea? _____

Which boy does Veronica like? _____