

Make Inferences

Reteach

Review the Rules

Authors do not always explain every detail in their stories. To figure out what an author means, you can make an inference.

- As you read, look for important clues or details.
- Think about what you already know about the topic.
- Make an inference by combining what you read with what you know.

Practice

Read “Janae’s Birthday” and complete the sentences. Then answer the question.

Janae’s Birthday

Every year, Janae’s aunt sends her socks for her birthday. Janae doesn’t like getting socks because she can get socks any time of the year. She wants her aunt to send her something fun. Janae would much rather get a new game or tickets to see a movie. She wants anything but socks!

Janae gets a package in the mail from her aunt. She gets excited and hopes this year will be different. Janae rips off the wrapping paper and tears open the package. Her face falls with disappointment. Maybe next year will be different.

- 1 I read _____.
- 2 I know _____.
- 3 And so _____.

Which clues in the passage helped you figure out what Janae’s aunt sent for Janae’s birthday?

Apply

Tell a partner about an inference you made while reading one of your Small Group Reading books. Share which clues from the story helped you figure it out.