

# Inference Question Strategies

Practice Section – TOEFL-Style Inference Questions

Simulation 1 (10 questions)

## Reading Text 1:

*Maria wakes up early every day. She takes the bus at 6:30 AM to work. She never arrives late. Her boss says she is very responsible.*

Questions

1. What can we infer about Maria?
  - a) She likes to sleep late
  - b) She is punctual
  - c) She does not like her job
  - d) She works at night
  
2. Why does the boss think Maria is responsible?
  - a) She always arrives on time
  - b) She is the boss
  - c) She works from home
  - d) She is always tired

## Reading Text 2:

*Tom forgot his umbrella. Now his clothes are wet.*

3. We can infer that:
  - a) It rained
  - b) It was very hot
  - c) He went swimming
  - d) It snowed

**Reading Text 3:**

*Sara is smiling and holding a birthday cake.*

4. We can infer that:

- a) It is someone's birthday
- b) It is raining
- c) She is angry
- d) She is sad

**5. Reading Text 4:**

*The store lights are off, and the door is locked.*

5. We can infer the store is:

- a) Open
- b) Closed
- c) Very busy
- d) New

**Reading Text 5:**

*Anna is buying balloons and party decorations.*

6. Anna is probably planning a:

- a) Party
- b) Trip
- c) Test
- d) Job interview

**Reading Text 6:**

*The dog is barking and looking at the door.*

7. We can infer that:

- a) Someone is at the door
- b) The dog is sleeping

- c) The house is empty
- d) The dog is eating

**Reading Text 7:**

*The boy is wearing a coat, scarf, and gloves.*

8. We can infer the weather is:

- a) Hot
- b) Cold
- c) Rainy
- d) Sunny

**Reading Text 8:**

*Emily bought a ticket to go to France.*

9. Emily is going to:

- a) Travel
- b) Sleep
- c) Cook
- d) Study math

**Reading Text 9:**

*The classroom is silent. The students have pencils and papers. The teacher is watching.*

10. We can infer the students are:

- a) Playing
- b) Taking a test
- c) Cleaning the room
- d) Eating lunch

**Simulation 2 (10 Questions)**

### **Short text about a park**

***Many people are sitting on the grass. Children are running and laughing.***

***There are many colorful kites in the sky.***

11. We can infer the weather is:

- a) Rainy
- b) Nice
- c) Snowy
- d) Very cold

12. People in the park feel:

- a) Sad
- b) Bored
- c) Happy
- d) Angry

### **Short text about a student**

***Luis is reading a medical book every night. He wants to become a doctor.***

13. Luis is:

- a) Lazy
- b) Studying hard
- c) Going to sleep
- d) Playing games

### **Short text about a restaurant**

***There are many people waiting outside the restaurant.***

14. We can infer the restaurant is:

- a) Not popular
- b) Closed
- c) Very popular
- d) Dirty

**Short text about a girl**

*Sofia is crying and holding a broken toy.*

15. We can infer Sofia feels:

- a) Happy
- b) Upset
- c) Excited
- d) Proud

**Short text about weather**

*The streets are white with snow.*

16. We can infer the weather is:

- a) Winter
- b) Summer
- c) Very hot
- d) Rainy

**Short text about a worker**

*Carlos wears a uniform and drives people to different places.*

17. Carlos is probably a:

- a) Doctor
- b) Teacher
- c) Bus driver
- d) Artist

**Short text about pets**

*The cat is sleeping on Ana's lap.*

18. This shows that the cat feels:

- a) Safe
- b) Scared
- c) Angry
- d) Hungry

**Short text about food**

*Ana says, "This soup is too salty!"*

19. We can infer Ana:

- a) Likes the soup
- b) Does not like the soup
- c) Is making the soup
- d) Wants more salt

**Short text about time**

*It is dark outside, and the moon is visible.*

20. It is likely:

- a) Morning
- b) Afternoon
- c) Night
- d) Noon

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