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## Drawing Conclusions

As you read a story or an article, look for details to figure out things an author wants you to know but does not tell you. If you make your own decisions about ideas the author does not tell, then you are **drawing conclusions**.

You may draw conclusions about how characters feel or act or why an event took place. Your conclusions should be based on what you read, what you know, and what makes sense. Being able to draw conclusions will help you understand why certain things happen in a story or an article.

Read the story below. Draw conclusions about the ball game.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, the Hornets were leading 7 to 4. The Jays had two outs. With three Jays on base and Lefty "Homer" Brooks at bat, anything could happen. Deep in right field, Shawna punched her glove.

*CRACK!* Shawna squinted into the bright sky until the spinning circle appeared, as tiny as a golf ball. She held her breath as it got closer and closer.

Shawna leaped and reached. Suddenly she felt the sting of a catch. Grinning, she ran to join her teammates.



Use story details to draw conclusions about the character, Shawna. Write your answers on the lines.

What team is Shawna on?

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What did she do to help her team?

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How does Shawna feel at the end? How can you tell?

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### Tip

Always be ready to back up your conclusion with information from the story or article and other reasons you know.