

Concept Development

An **inference** is something that may be true based on information that we have.

- *Information* we have comes from the **text**.
- Inferences are supported by **quoting** the text.
- An inference is *not* written in the text.

Draw inferences from the text.

Which words and phrases support the **inference** that Theo is at the movies?

1. Theo stood in line before the doors opened.
2. There was a very long line of people waiting to get in.
3. As he walked inside, he could smell popcorn and hot dogs.
4. As the crowd of people searched for their seats, Theo sat down and made sure his cell phone was turned off.
5. Then the lights went out, and everyone got very quiet.

62 words

Not an example of an inference:

There was a very long line of people waiting to get in.

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Which statement below is a quotation from the text that supports the inference? Why?

- A He could smell popcorn and hotdogs.
- B The previews began to play.

Why is "Theo stood in line before the doors opened" NOT an inference?

In your own words, what is an inference?

"An inference is _____."

Vocabulary

2 repeating exactly