



Directed Learning Activity (DLA): Inferences

Outcome: At the end of this activity, you will be able to

- Define the term inference.
- Identify inferences using the author's details in a passage.

Activity:

1. Click on the link to read and listen to the PowerPoint video on "Reading Between the Lines: Inferences," <https://tinyurl.com/rjc3q8v> . Take notes while you watch the video.
2. Read each numbered paragraph and answer the questions that follow:

(1) Even from the glow of the faded red-and-white exit sign, its faint light illuminating the upper bunk, I could see that the sheet was filthy. Resigned to another night of fitful sleep, I reluctantly crawled into bed, tucking my clothes securely around my body, like a cocoon.

(2) The next morning I joined the long line of disheveled men leaning against the chain-link fence. Their faces were as downcast as their clothes were dirty. None had a glimmer of hope.

(3) No one spoke as the line slowly inched forward. When my turn came, I was handed a Styrofoam cup of coffee, some utensils, and a bowl of semi-liquid that I couldn't identify. It didn't look like any food I had seen before. Nor did it taste like anything I had even eaten. My stomach fought the foul taste, every spoonful a battle. But I was determined. "I will experience what they experience," I kept telling myself. My stomach reluctantly gave in and accepted its morning nourishment.

(4) The room was eerily silent. Hundreds of men were eating, each immersed in his own private hell, his head awash with disappointment, remorse, and bitterness. As I stared at the Styrofoam cup of coffee, grateful at least for this small pleasure, I noticed what looked like teeth marks. I shrugged off the thought...concluding, "That must be some sort of crease from the handling."

(5) I joined the silent ranks of men turning in their bowls and cups. When I saw the man behind the counter swishing out the Styrofoam cups in a washtub, I began to feel sick to my stomach. I knew then that the jagged marks on my cup really had been from a previous mouth. How much longer did this research have to last? I felt a deep longing to return to my family, to a world of clean sheets, healthy food, and "normal" conversations.

- a) What is the likely sex of the writer? ____ Why do you think so?

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b) Where is the writer most likely to be?

- a. A prison b. A concentration camp c. A shelter

Write down the details that support your answer.

c) What is the writer's purpose in writing this short article? What details support your answer?

d) What is the likely profession of the writer? What details support your answer?

Tutor Review:

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