

HOW DO YOU DRAW CONCLUSIONS AND MAKE INFERENCES?

There are many times when you read that you draw conclusions or make inferences. Sometimes the author does not give you all the details. You need to figure something out by yourself. An author might write about a snowy, cloudy day. The author does not need to tell you that the story takes place in winter. You can figure this out on your own. Read the passage below. See what you can figure out on your own.

Henry sat on the front porch of his parent's house. He thought about the new job he would soon be starting. The sun began to set in the western sky. Henry could see the evening star in the distance. He wasn't sure if he wanted time to pass slowly or quickly. Tomorrow, Henry was moving away from his hometown, leaving his family and friends behind.

Think about what the author tells you.

Let's draw a conclusion.

First, let's narrow down the clues.

Look at the chart below.

Think about what you know and what you can figure out on your own.

Fill in the missing information.

What do you know?	What information is not directly stated?	What can you figure out on your own?
The sun is setting. The evening star can be seen. Henry is leaving his family and friends behind. Henry will be starting a new job.	The author does not tell what time of day it is. The author does not tell why Henry is leaving his hometown.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

You just worked with drawing conclusions and making inferences!