How to Make an Inference

I see	+	I know	=	I infer
clues in the picture		what I already know		what I figure out



I see mud on the dog's nose and paws, and paw prints from the hole to the dog.

I know dogs dig with their paws and noses.

So I infer the dog dug the hole.

1 Who Dug the Hole?

Level A



Who dug the hole?

a. the dog
b. the cat
c. the boy

2 Who Just Came In?

Level A



What is the weather like outside?

a. dry and windy
b. rainy
c. sunny and hot

3 What Just Happened?

Level A



What just happened here?

a. a trip to the beach
b. a birthday party
c. a soccer game

4 What Went Wrong?

Level A



How does the boy feel?

a. sad
b. excited
c. sleepy

1 Who Dug the Hole?

Level B



Who dug the hole? What clues prove it? How does the boy feel about it?

Answer on your recording sheet. Name the clues.

2 Who Just Came In?

Level B



What is the weather outside, and who just came home? You can't see outside, so what clues tell you?

Answer on your recording sheet. Name the clues.

3 What Just Happened?

Level B



What can you infer happened here, and how does the girl feel now?

Answer on your recording sheet. Name the clues.

4 What Went Wrong?

Level B



Why did the kite end up in the tree? Which clues tell you?

Answer on your recording sheet. Name the clues.

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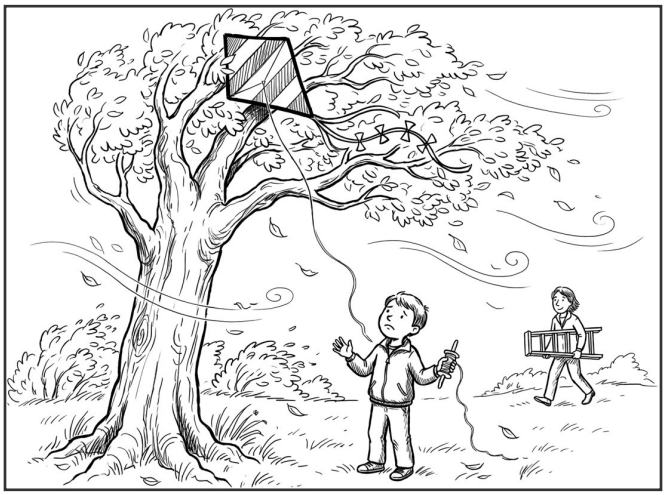


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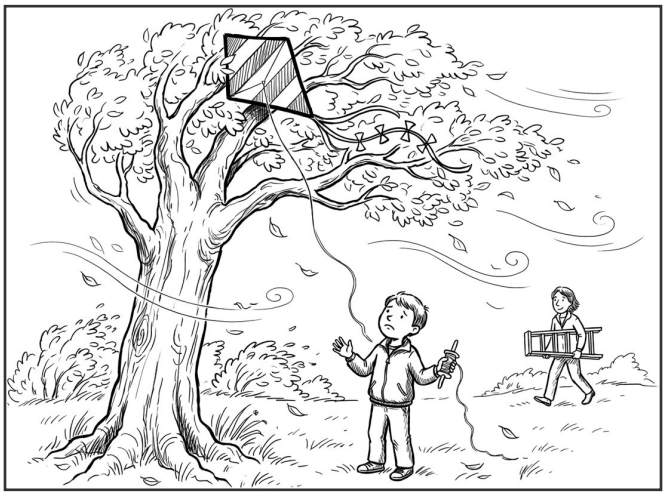


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Level B



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Who Dug the Hole?

Name _____

Inference Pictures · Inference of the Day · scene 1



Look closely. Circle two clues in the picture.

Who dug the hole? What clues prove it? How does the boy feel about it?

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clues in the picture	what I already know	what I figure out

What do you think the boy will do next?

Who Just Came In?

Name _____

Inference Pictures · Inference of the Day · scene 2



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What is the weather outside, and who just came home? You can't see outside, so what clues tell you?

I see	I know	I infer
clues in the picture	what I already know	what I figure out

What do you think will happen next? Why?

What Just Happened?

Name _____

Inference Pictures · Inference of the Day · scene 3



Look closely. Circle two clues in the picture.

What can you infer happened here, and how does the girl feel now?

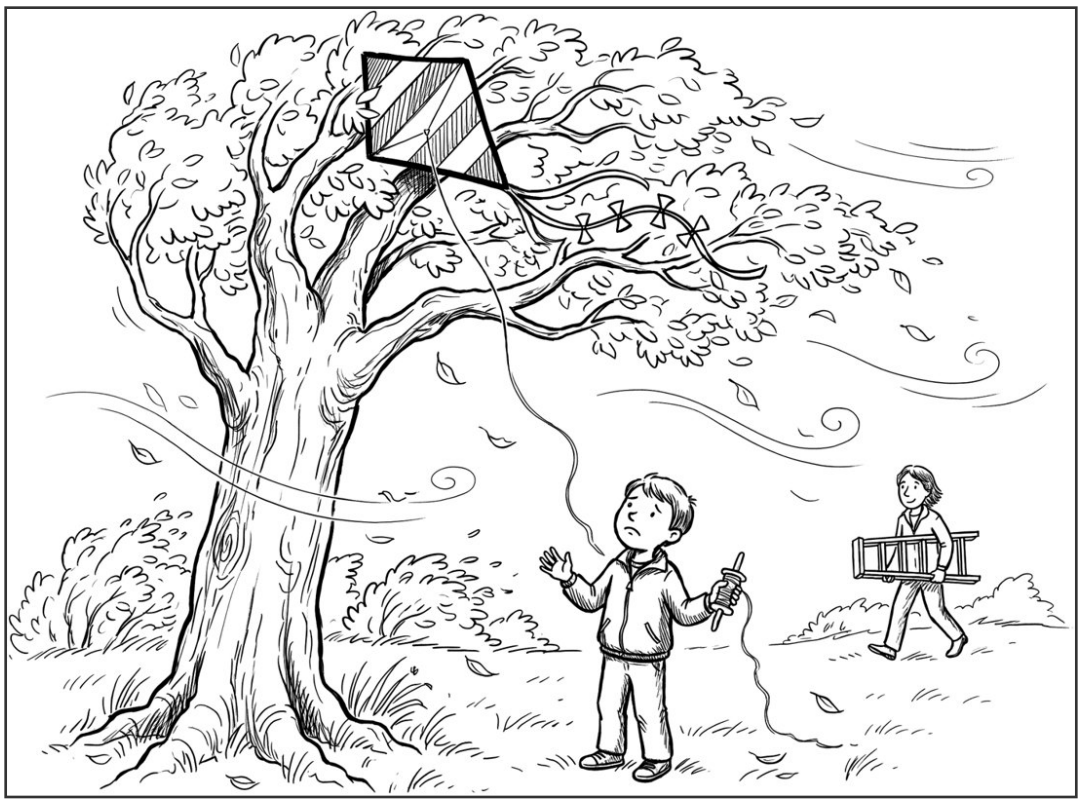
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What do you think will happen next? Why?

What Went Wrong?

Name _____

Inference Pictures · Inference of the Day · scene 4



Look closely. Circle two clues in the picture.

Why did the kite end up in the tree? Which clues tell you?

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clues in the picture	what I already know	what I figure out

Why is the grown-up carrying a ladder? What will happen next?

Answer Key

Inference Pictures · All 24 scenes

The answer we planned, the clues that prove it, and other answers that are also fine. Accept any answer a child can prove with clues.

1. Who Dug the Hole?

what happened · level 1



Inference: The dog dug the hole and knocked over the flower pot.
Clues: mud on the dog's paws and face; muddy paw prints from the hole to the dog; the boy and the cat are clean; tipped-over pot and pulled-up flower.
Also fine: the dog dug it; the boy is upset/annoyed/surprised; next: give the dog a bath / fix the flowers / tell a grown-up.

Level A: a. the dog

2. Who Just Came In?

setting · level 1



Inference: It is raining outside, and someone just came in from the rain.
Clues: wet open umbrella with drops and a puddle; dripping raincoat with a puddle under it; small wet rain boots on the mat; wet prints on the door mat; blind closed, no window view.
Also fine: it is raining; a child just came home (small boots, small coat).

Level A: b. rainy

Answer Key

Inference Pictures · All 24 scenes

3. What Just Happened?

what happened · level 1

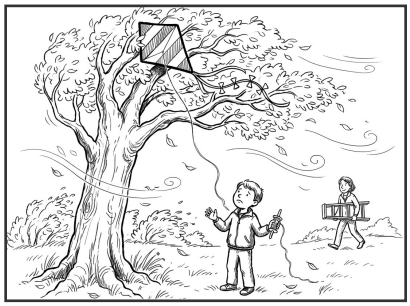


Inference: A birthday party just ended, and the birthday girl is tired.
Clues: cake with slices gone and candles; party hats and balloons; torn wrapping paper and an empty gift box; girl hugging a new teddy bear; girl yawning.
Also fine: a birthday party just ended; it was her birthday; she is tired/sleepy; next: clean up / go to bed / nap.

Level A: b. a birthday party

4. What Went Wrong?

feelings · level 1



Inference: The boy's kite blew into the tree and got stuck, and he feels sad.
Clues: kite stuck in the top of the tree; string from the kite down toward the boy; boy holds an empty kite handle with snapped string; sad frown, looking up; grown-up bringing a ladder.
Also fine: the wind was too strong / blew it into the tree; the string snapped; the grown-up will climb the ladder and get the kite down.

Level A: a. sad

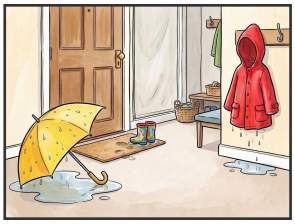
All 24 Scenes

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The full pack has all 24 scenes as task cards (two levels, colour and black and white), recording sheets, Inference of the Day sheets, slides for the board, posters and an answer key.



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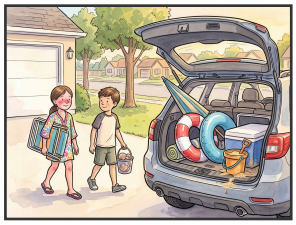
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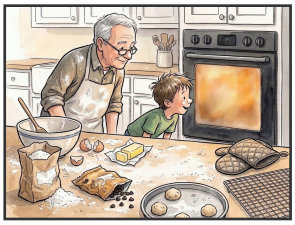
3. What Just Happened?



4. What Went Wrong?



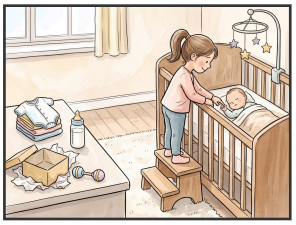
5. Where Have They Been?



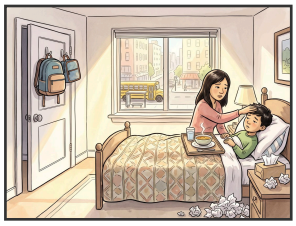
6. What Are They Making?



7. Ready for School?



8. Who Is This?



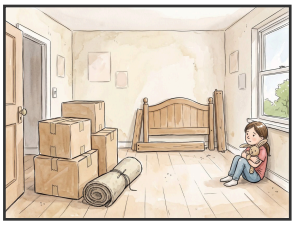
9. Why Is He Home?



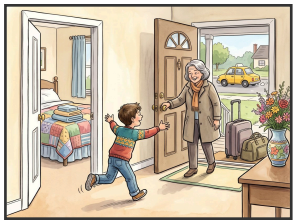
10. Who Won?



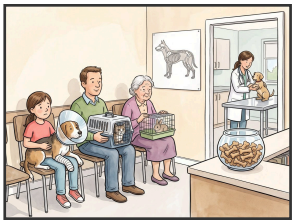
11. Why the Rush?



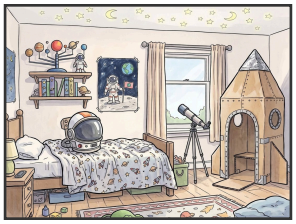
12. What Is Happening Here?



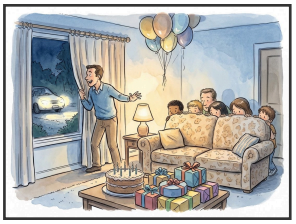
13. Who Just Arrived?



14. Where Are They?



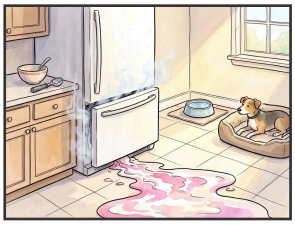
15. Whose Room Is This?



16. What Is About to Happen?



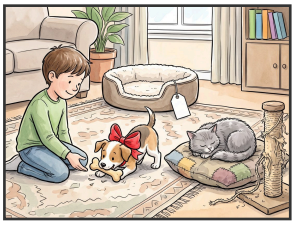
17. Who Broke the Window?



18. What Made the Puddle?



19. Spilled or Sold?



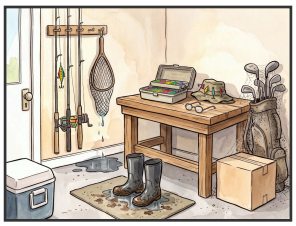
20. Which Pet Is New?



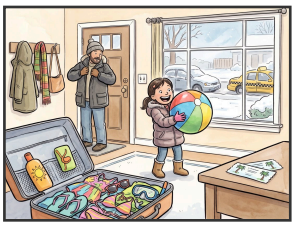
21. What Season Is Coming?



22. Who Is in Charge?



23. Whose Garage Is This?



24. Where Are They Going?