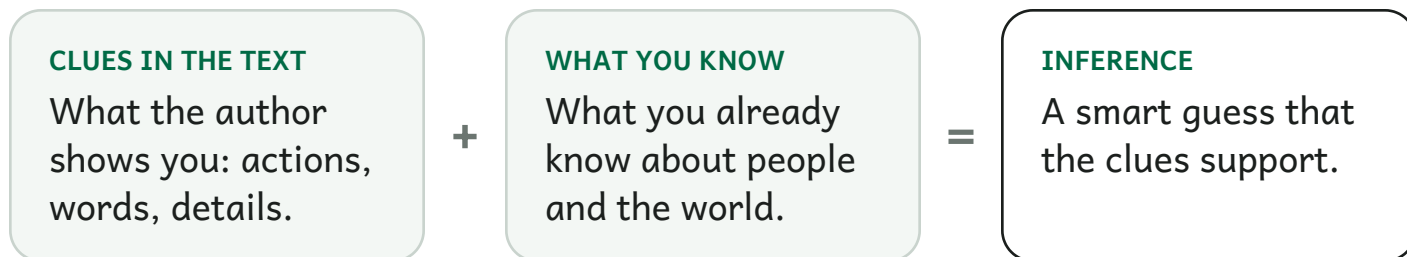


Making Inferences

Authors do not tell you everything. You work some of it out.

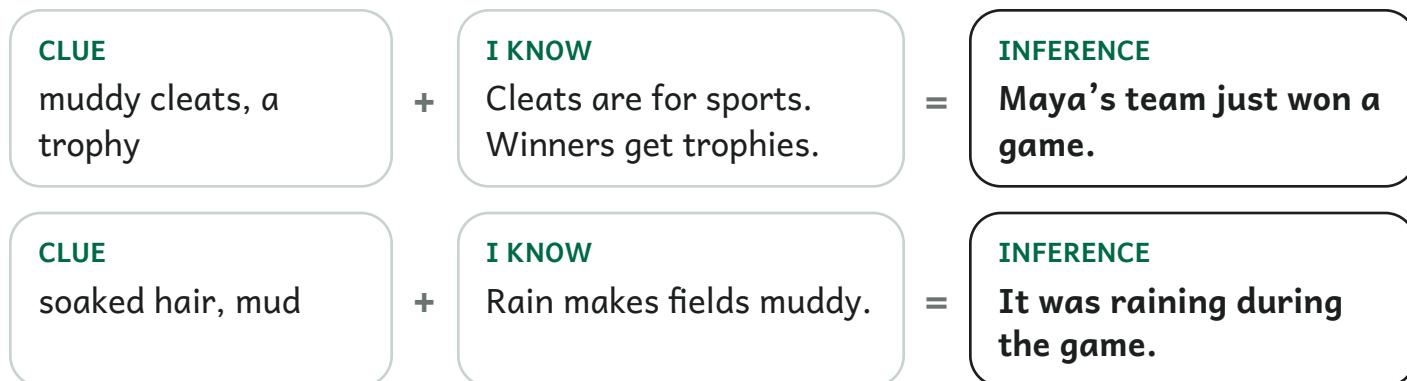


How to make an inference

- 1 **Notice the clues.** What do the characters do and say? What details stand out?
- 2 **Add what you know.** When have you seen something like this before?
- 3 **Make your inference.** What is probably true, even though the text does not say it?
- 4 **Check it.** Can you point to the words that support it? If not, try again.

Try it

Maya dropped her backpack by the door and kicked off her muddy cleats. Her hair was soaked. She held up a small gold trophy and grinned.



An inference is not a wild guess. You must be able to point to the clue.