

Hidden Meaning Hunt

Students infer an unstated idea, then find a word that supports an inference.

1.P.EICC.3.f "Make, track, and support inferences about different levels of meaning within the text. (I)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 THINK IT THROUGH _____

a	cold	hot	windy
b	happy	upset	proud
c	party	bedtime	bath

2 FIND A CLUE _____

a	Ava	yawned	lamp
b	ice	beside	cup
c	heard	thunder	night

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each short text and each choice aloud. In Part 1, students record an inference by circling a word. In Part 2, students track their thinking by circling the strongest text clue that supports the stated inference.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • THINK IT THROUGH

SAY “Listen to each short text. I will read the words in the row too. Which word shows what you think is happening?”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Ben buttoned his coat and shivered. Is the weather probably cold, hot, or windy? Circle the word you choose.	cold
b	Tia's block tower fell down. Tia frowned and pushed the blocks away. Does Tia probably feel happy, upset, or proud? Circle the word you choose.	upset
c	Dad put candles on a cake, and friends came in. Is this probably a party, bedtime, or a bath? Circle the word you choose.	party

PART 2 • FIND A CLUE

SAY “Listen to each text and the idea we can infer. Then find the printed word that is the best clue. Which word helps you know?”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Ava yawned beside a lamp. We can infer that Ava is tired. Which printed word is the best clue, Ava, yawned, or lamp? Circle the best clue.	yawned
b	Sam touched ice beside a cup. We can infer that the ice is cold. Which printed word is the best clue, ice, beside, or cup? Circle the best clue.	ice
c	Uma heard thunder at night. We can infer that a storm may be near. Which printed word is the best clue, heard, thunder, or night? Circle the best clue.	thunder

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are cold, upset, and party. Part 2 answers are yawned, ice, and thunder. Accept the correct circled word and invite students to explain their thinking orally when appropriate.