Read Between Lines

Sort what a text says from what it suggests.

10.RL "The student will use textual evidence to demonstrate comprehension and build knowledge from a variety of grade-level complex literary texts read to include literary nonfiction (including world, British, and American literature)..."

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DIRECTLY STATED

A directly stated idea is plainly told by the author. You can point to words that give the information directly.

The novel says, "Mira crossed the desert alone."

IMPLIED

An implied idea is suggested through details, actions, or descriptions. You infer the idea because the author does not say it plainly.

Aren leaves the porch light on and watches the road after midnight.

1 SORT

8 items

For each passage, circle STATED or IMPLIED, then choose two passages and quote or name the words that prove each choice.

1.	"The elder warns Niko not to enter the flooded tunnel."	STATED IMPLIED
2.	"Jia keeps her coat on indoors and blows into her hands."	STATED IMPLIED
3.	"The narrator admits, 'I wanted the crown more than I wanted peace.'"	STATED IMPLIED
4.	"At dawn, the messenger arrives with news that the treaty has failed."	STATED IMPLIED
5.	"When the drums begin, Amari slips behind the curtain instead of joining the celebration."	STATED IMPLIED
6.	"Tomas polishes his boots twice before the interview and checks the clock every minute."	STATED IMPLIED
7.	"The poem says that the river remembers every name it carries."	STATED IMPLIED
8.	"The historian writes that the workers organized a strike in 1912."	STATED IMPLIED

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example of a directly stated idea and one new example of an implied idea.

STATED _____

IMPLIED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence micro-passage that implies a character's feeling without naming it. Then state the feeling and cite two details that support your inference.

ANSWER KEY # Read Between Lines

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	"The elder warns Niko not to enter the flooded tunnel."	**STATED**	The warning is given directly in the sentence.
2	"Jia keeps her coat on indoors and blows into her hands."	**IMPLIED**	Her actions suggest that she is cold, but the text does not state it.
3	"The narrator admits, 'I wanted the crown more than I wanted peace.'"	**STATED**	The narrator directly states the desire for the crown.
4	"At dawn, the messenger arrives with news that the treaty has failed."	**STATED**	The treaty's failure is explicitly stated.
5	"When the drums begin, Amari slips behind the curtain instead of joining the celebration."	**IMPLIED**	Amari's action suggests a feeling or motive without directly naming one.
6	"Tomas polishes his boots twice before the interview and checks the clock every minute."	**IMPLIED**	The repeated actions suggest nervousness, but nervousness is not directly stated.
7	"The poem says that the river remembers every name it carries."	**STATED**	The speaker directly makes this statement, even though it is figurative.
8	"The historian writes that the workers organized a strike in 1912."	**STATED**	The historical event and date are directly stated.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **STATED**: "The story explains that the queen pardoned the prisoner."
- **IMPLIED**: "Dev leaves his packed suitcase beside the door and does not eat breakfast."

Challenge: Passage: "Leila sets three places at the table. When the train whistle fades, she puts one plate back in the cupboard." Inference: Leila feels disappointed that someone did not arrive. Details: "three places" and "puts one plate back."

For PROVE IT, accept accurate explanations that distinguish explicit wording from an inference based on details. Implied items may support more than one reasonable inference if students cite the passage accurately.