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Making Inferences

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When you go by your friend's house to see if she's home,
And the house is all dark, and you don't have your phone,
She doesn't answer the knock. What could this be?
She could be hiding in the dark, she could have moved to Greece,
But those don't seem likely, so you take your best guess.
She's probably just not home, no need to stress.
When you take your best guess, you infer,
Whether you observe the clues or you read 'em in the words.
You reach conclusions from details or evidence,
Clues that you see in the real world or sentences.
Like Jasmine was cranky, she had bags beneath her eyes,
Her head was droopy, she was yawning all the time.
You infer she's tired, didn't get a good night's sleep,
Jasmine's not a shepherd, but you think she needs to count sheep.
She didn't tell you she was sleepy, she didn't have to say,
'Cause the clues were like a sign that she was wearing on her face.
I read between the lines
What you don't say,
When you tell me that you're coming my way.
I read between the lines
To infer the truth,
I'mma take my best guess with you.

It's your birthday, and you are amped,
But when you ask Jasmine to hang, she says she has plans.
You glance in her backpack and... Ummm, hello!
You see a flashlight and two bags of marshmallows.
A little later you overhear your friend Samantha
Ask Jasmine "What time?" but you don't catch the answer.
And then she says "I won't tell. Jasmine, have trust,"
And then she sees you looking over, and she starts to blush.
So think it through, everything you observed,
Read between the lines. What can you infer?
Maybe Jasmine's throwing a surprise party for you,
The conversation that you overheard was a clue.
And where could it be? You infer it's at a campsite,

Where you roast marshmallows and might need a flashlight.
That night, your dad leads you where you've never been,
And suddenly – "Surprise!" – and yeah, it's all your friends.

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An inference is:

- your best guess
- combine clues from the text (reading, video, etc.) with your knowledge to draw a conclusion.

STORY CLUES + WHAT I ALREADY
KNOW

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INFERENCE

- You can also make an inference about something in the world around you.