Inferring is a kind of thing you do when you read. It is the means of how you make assumptions about characters’ traits based on their action, thinking, and speech.

In this module, you will learn how to make inferences about characters’ traits.

A. Study the pictures. Then answer the questions that follow. Write the letter of the correct answer on your notebook.
1. What will the boy do?
   A. Help the girl.
   B. Laugh at the girl.
   C. Call the girl’s mother.

2. What do you think her friend said?
   A. Thank you.
   B. I’m not hungry.
   C. May I have some more?
3. What do you think will the people tell the children?

A. Cleaning is good for you.
B. You are industrious children.
C. You should clean the streets every day.

4. What character trait is Mario showing in the picture?

A. industrious
B. polite
C. lazy
D. loving
5. What time of the day Lina study her lesson during the weekdays?

A. in the evening  
B. at noon  
C. in the morning  
D. after lunch

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Read the story.

**Beautiful Hands**

There were three rich sisters. They did nothing all day except to sit down and take care of their hands. They robbed their nails, powdered their hands and kept their hands white and smooth. They were very proud of their hands.

One day, they took a walk towards the town plaza. They met Ana, the daughter of their laundry woman.

One of the sisters said, “Look at Ana’s hands. How rough and brown they are. What ugly hands she has.”

Another sister said, “Ana keep your hands behind your back. Do not show them to us. We do not like ugly hands.”

The third sister said, “You should be ashamed of them.”

Ana did not know what to do. She wanted to cry.

An old woman passed by. She was carrying a heavy basket full of fruits for her grandchildren.

The old woman said, “Please help me carry this basket, good girls.”

The three sisters turned their back. “We shall hurt our hands,” they said.

Ana ran to help the old woman. She carried the basket and helped the old woman cross the street.

As they were crossing the street, a light shone. Ana looked around. The old woman was nowhere to be found. In her place was another person. The old woman became an angel. The basket was left with Ana.

The angel smiled at Ana and said, “Thank you, Ana. You have the most beautiful hands in the world. Beautiful hands are those that help.

Do you agree with the angel?
Comprehension Check Up:
1. How would you describe Ana? What made you say so?
2. How about the other characters?
   - the three sisters?
   - the old woman?
3. Why do you think the old woman said that Ana has the most beautiful hands in the world? To be able to answer this question we need to infer. To infer means to take what you know and make a guess about you do not know. You can make inferences by using the clues in the text.
4. Study the outline below. What traits of the character can you infer based from the supporting details enumerated below?

**TRAITS OF THE CHARACTERS**

I. ____________________________
   A. The Three Sisters
      1. They are rich.
      2. They are proud of their hands
      3. They did nothing all day except to sit down and take care of their hands.
      4. They refused to help the old woman carrying heavy basket.

II. ____________________________
   A. Ana
      1. She is the daughter of laundry woman.
      2. She has rough and brown hands.
      3. She helped the old woman carry her basket of fruits.
      4. She assisted the old woman to cross the street.

III. ____________________________
   A. The Old Woman
      1. She is bringing basket full of fruits for her grandchildren.
      2. She turned into a beautiful angel.
      3. She left Ana with basketful of fruits
      4. She told Ana that beautiful hands are those that help.

What are the character traits of Ana? ____________________________
   - shy, helpful and industrious

Why do we say that she is shy?
   - because she has rough hands
   - because she is ashamed to show her rough hands to the three sisters
Why do we say she is helpful?

Read the character traits of the old woman and the clue words.

*Remember that we can infer or make a guess what the character say or do by reading the story well and looking for clue words in the text.*

Here is another story. Read it and infer the traits of the characters in this story.

**The Sea**

Kamil and his family lived near the sea. One day he was left alone in the house to attend to his four-year old sister. His father and brother were out in the sea.

As Kamil was watching her sister playing, he noticed the sea. “The sea was gone,” he shouted. All he could see were shells and seaweeds. He felt nervous. He remembered the story of the great wave. Now as he watched the sea, it was slowly disappearing. He called his sister and immediately carried her on his back. They ran to the nearest cliff and started to climb.

Kamil found it difficult to climb but he could not do anything. He felt so nervous and tired but he did not give up. He wants to save himself and his sister.

After a while, he looked back and saw that the sea was calm. He began to climb down the cliff with his sister still on his back. Then he saw his mother running down the beach.
“Kamil, you’re a brave boy. I’m proud of you. You are my little hero.” his mother said as she embraced her children.

Can you infer the character traits of Kamil?
Write inside the box Kamil’s character trait. Then in the blanks write the clues that helped you infer. Choose your answer from the circle.

Can you infer the traits of Kamil and his mother?
Here are clue words that will help you infer the character traits of Kamil and his mother.

- stay home
- climbed the cliff
- watched her sister
- carried her sister
- escaped the great wave
- a brave son

Copy this diagram in your notebook. Fill in the circles to show the relationship of the character traits and the clue words.
A. Read each sentence and the words in parenthesis. Select the word that best describes the person referred to. Write your answer in your notebook.

1. Mil saw a great wave. He cried and carried his sister on his back and climbed the cliff. Kamil was (afraid, brave, angry)

2. Mother praised Mil for what he had done. She was (proud, kind, honest) of her son.

3. A boy found a twenty-peso bill in the seashore. He looked for the owner and returned it. The boy was (kind, unselfish, honest)

B. Read each paragraph and answer the questions that follow. Choose the letter of your correct answer and write it in your notebook.

1. Lito was very active in the class. He talked to his seatmates. He walked around the classroom. Then his teacher called him to the teacher’s table. When he returned to his seat he was very quiet.
   What do you think the teacher said to him?
   A. I’ll give you multiple task to do if you don’t behave.
   B. Tomorrow is a holiday.
   C. There are 40 pupils in this class.

2. Aling Nena’s heart was heavy as he told Apo Merto about her problem. She needed money for an operation. Apo Merto was kind. He said something to Aling Nena. Aling Nena smiled in tears.
   What do you think Apo Merto said to Aling Nena?
   A. You look quite sad today.
   B. Why do you worry so much?
   C. I will help you. I’ll lend you money.

3. Cely came home from shopping. She bought a new dress and showed it to Mother. Her mother looked closely at the dress and showed it to Cely. Cely looked unhappy over the dress.
   What do you think Mother had shown to Cely?
A. a tear in the dress  
B. a plastic bag inside the pocket  
C. the fine sewing of the dress

4. Allan’s fever was very high. Mother put an ice bag on his forehead. She rubbed alcohol on his body. She prayed. Allan opened his eyes and looked at Mother. She felt his neck and suddenly she smiled joyfully. Why do you think Allan’s mother felt glad?

A. The fever was lower than before.  
B. Allan looked funny when he was sick.  
C. Mother heard a joke over the radio.

**LET’S SUMMARIZE**

*Remember that we can infer or make a guess what the character say or do by reading the story well and looking for clue words in the text.*

**LET’S CHECK**

A. Look at the picture then answer the questions that follow by choosing the letter of the correct answer. Write your answer in your notebook.
1. What weather of the day do you think it is?
   A. rainy, windy
   B. cloudy
   C. hot, sunny

2. What time of the day do you think it is?
   A. early morning
   B. late afternoon
   C. noontime

3. What do you think the woman has been doing?
   A. cooking breakfast
   B. cleaning the house
   C. reading the newspaper

4. What do you think she will do when she gets up?
   A. go to the kitchen
   B. go to bed
   C. go to a party

5. Who do you think she is?
   A. a maid or house helper
   B. the mother
   C. a young daughter