English 2 – Inferences

L.O. To draw inferences.

Quiz!

Complete the following online quiz, paying attention to the definitions of the terms covered:

https://www.funenglishgames.com/grammargames/verbnounadjective.html

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We use inference to find out about a person's feelings and actions using the clues given in text (by 'reading between the lines').

We also use inference in our own writing when we describe characters by **'showing, not telling'** how they are feeling**.** By giving details about **how** a person does something by describing their body language, facial expressions and the manner in which they do things, we can infer how a person is feeling and the reasons for their actions. Remember, **adverbs** help to tell us more about verbs for example:

Sally smiled curiously when she spotted a crocodile.

verb   **adverb**

<u>After the Hurricane</u>

It was the morning after the last horrific hurricane of the season and as the sun rose, it revealed the damage done to the picturesque city they called home. Everyone in the family was safe and healthy onboard their little wooden fishing boat, *the Little Dipper*, and that's all that mattered. The order to evacuate their house had come unexpectedly in the middle of the night and the family had been given only five minutes to pack their most precious belongings and get out! Grandpa luckily managed to grab his camera (even if he did forget his pants) and was eagerly snapping pictures at every opportunity, as if he was on holiday!

Shouting, "I'm queen of the world!" Grandma basked in the glorious sunshine on the deck. Sally smiled curiously when she spotted a crocodile swimming amongst the debris, as her older brother watched on unbothered, without a worry in the world. Dad, on the other hand, had been rowing against the current trying to get out of the rubble for more than an hour and had begun breathing and sweating quite heavily.

He along with all the other adults were completely oblivious to the dangers that lurked in the water just next to their boat. All the while, the crocodile swam patiently grinning from ear to ear, as he licked his chomps awaiting his lunch.

In this text, it doesn't say exactly why the family were all piled onto a boat. But, by using our inference skills as we read the text and image, we can infer that there had been a flood as a result of the hurricane which forced the family onto a boat.

We can also infer how each of the characters are feeling based on the text/image if we read between the lines carefully.

quote: words copied out from a text.

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Complete the table ('Evidence' **and** 'Inference') by inferring how the characters were feeling based on the text and image above.

Character	Evidence What are they doing? Quote the text:	Inference Circle how the character is feeling.
grandpa	'_____ snapping pictures'	excited sad scared
Tim (brother)	'watched on _____, _____,'	unaware thrilled silly
grandma		horrified relaxed tearful
Sally (pink hair)		curious terrified hungry
Dad		exhausted surprised curious
crocodile		frustrated surprised hungry

Bonus Challenge!

Continue writing and describe what happens next. Provide details to help the reader understand how the characters were feeling and the reasons for their actions (by giving clues and making the reader 'read between the lines').