

## **Infer To understand what is not stated directly, but is implied in the text**

Help your child learn to infer by practicing the following with them:

- Ask or discuss your thinking about: – How characters are feeling. – Why characters act the way they do. – Possible themes – Ask: What do you think? How do you know?
- Look for clues about character feelings, actions, or problems in the story that are in the illustrations.
- Try to figure things that the author does not say directly. "The author didn't say... but I know that... because the clues from the text were..."
- Ask: How did the character feel? How do you know they felt that way? Have you ever felt that way?
- Discuss what you used to infer: – Text clues – Your background knowledge or experiences
- Try inferring the theme. "I infer that the theme is ... because..." • With nonfiction text, infer the causes and effects. "I think ... will cause... because..." • With nonfiction text, infer comparisons. "... is like ... because..."