

Imply or Infer

When a speaker suggests or hints that something is true, he **implies** it is true.

When a listener draws a conclusion, he **infers**.

Read the stories and then answer the questions.
Be sure to use complete sentences.

What Are You Saying Exactly?

Evan had his skateboard and was heading outside. His mother was sitting in the living room. She was feeling blue because she had just found out she did not get the new job for which she applied. As he got to the door, he said, "It's really nice outside, Mom. I'll bet a nice, brisk walk would really do you good."

His mother smiled to herself as he closed the door and thought, "I think my son is telling me how to improve my mood through exercise."

1. Evan told his mother a walk would really do her good. What was he implying? _____

2. His mother inferred Evan meant it would help her. What did she say that tells you that? _____

- Page 201**
1. hear
 2. here
 3. here
 4. hear
 5. here
 6. hear
 7. here
 8. hear, here
 9. here, hear
 10. hear, here
 11. here, hear

- Page 202**
1. their
 2. they're
 3. there
 4. there
 5. their
 6. they're
 7. their
 8. there
 9. their
 10. there

- Page 203**
1. I
 2. I
 3. me
 4. I
 5. me
 6. me
 7. me
 8. I, me
 9. me, I
 10. me, I

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1. I
 2. I
 3. I
 4. I
 5. me
 6. I
 7. me
 8. I

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1. I
 2. I
 3. me
 4. me
 5. I
 6. I
 7. me

Page 206 My brother, Jamie, and I were going to the movies. Our mother gave the money for the tickets to him and me. She told us to be sure not to lose the money. When we got there, they gave the change

to Jamie and me, and when we counted it, he and I discovered there was enough money left to buy some popcorn. He and I had a great time!

Cindy and I could hear the bell ringing before we got to the school. She and I were late! When we walked into the classroom, the teacher looked at her and me and pointed at the door. We knew what the teacher was telling us. She and I had to go to the office to get tardy slips before the teacher would let us in the room.

- Page 207**
1. I
 2. me
 3. me
 4. myself
 5. I
 6. myself
 7. me
 8. myself
 9. myself
 10. myself, me

Page 208 Sentences will vary.

My friend, Sam, and I go to the library every week, except when it's raining. That's because he and I ride our bikes and we don't want to get the books wet. Sam always rides faster than I on the way to the library, and I go faster on the way home, because he checks out more books than I.

- Page 209**
1. imply
 2. infer
 3. imply
 4. infer
 5. imply
 6. imply
 7. infer
 8. infer
 9. imply
 10. infer
 11. imply
 12. imply

Page 210 1. Answers will vary but should indicate that exercise is known to improve mood.

2. She thought, "I think my son is telling me how to **improve my mood through exercise.**"

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1. **Answers will vary** but should indicate that the gravy was very hot.
 2. She likely inferred that he thought the gravy was too hot.

1. **Answers will vary** but should indicate that Jake's father was telling him that he needs to use a watch to make sure he's on time.
2. Jake inferred that his father wants him to use the watch so he won't be late all the time.

- Page 212** Sarah Lincoln, Abe Lincoln's stepmother, implied many times that young Lincoln **was** like **one** of her own children. Years later, people **inferred** she was **implying** that Lincoln was superior to her own son when she said, "Both were good boys, but I must say that Abe was the best boy I ever saw or ever expected to see."

For years, politicians have debated, making **implications** about **their** opponents' characters. Most voters would be happy to see debates without such **implications**. But, it's difficult **not** to keep **implying** that your opponent **is** not as good a candidate as you are.

- Page 213** Sheila made a yummy fruitcake and implied she was unable **to** give me the recipe. She **implied** she had lost it. Well, she could have given it to me if she wanted to, I **inferred**. I just happened to see her hide the **recipe** card when I **visited** her recently.

I just read an article that **implied** that walrus are dying because of global warming. Many scientists believe this is **due** to global warming, and imply we're polluting the atmosphere. They **implied** that all the auto emissions are causing the deaths.

My teacher **implied** I was going **to** receive a "D" in writing unless I improved. My dad **implied** that her teaching was the problem. When my mom **talked** to me, she implied that a better reason was that I hadn't turned in assignments.

- Page 214**
1. can
 2. may
 3. Can
 4. can
 5. can
 6. may
 7. Can
 8. May
 9. can
 10. Can
 11. may
 12. Can

- Page 215**
1. Lie
 2. lay
 3. lay
 4. lie
 5. lie
 6. lay
 7. lie
 8. lay
 9. lie
 10. lie
 11. lie
 12. lay

- Page 216**
1. sit
 2. set
 3. sit
 4. set
 5. sit
 6. sit
 7. sit
 8. set
 9. sit
 10. Sit
 11. set
 12. Set, sit

- Page 217** My grandfather asked me to help him plant his garden. He told me to **set** the shovel and rake where I could reach them. First, I used the shovel to dig the **hole**. I got so tired I had to **sit** down and rest. I **set** the shovel down on the ground and then looked around for a place to **sit**. Grandpa **told** me I couldn't **sit** around all day, but I was so tired I