



Improving Your Reading Skills with...

Inference Iggy



What Does **Inference Iggy** Do?

Inference Iggy helps with content domain **2d**:

Make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.

This means that he is there to help you to **pick up ideas from the text** that are **not always written** in the text itself.

He helps you to do this by getting you to read the text as if you are a detective. **You're not looking for what is there – you're looking for what is meant by it.** For example, if the text says 'Jenni's face was red – she wrinkled her brow and began to shout', what could you infer about how Jenni feels?



When Have We Seen Inference Iggy?

These are the kind of questions that Inference Iggy helps you to score a lot of marks on in test papers. Here are some examples:

2 Look at the first paragraph, beginning: *A Siamese cat...*

Gaby pulled the cardigan tighter around her.

Why does Gaby do this?

Tick **one**.

She is thinking of wrapping the cat in her cardigan.

She is worried about damaging the cardigan.

She is feeling cold.

She is worried the cardigan will be difficult to climb in.

10 Look at page 5.

What are **three** ways the cat shows it does not enjoy Gaby trying to rescue it?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2 marks

21 In what ways might Martine's character appeal to many readers?

Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.

3 marks

23 Look at the section headed: *Frequently asked questions*.

Put a tick in the correct box to show whether each of the following statements is a **fact** or an **opinion**.

| | Fact | Opinion |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| The temperature of the water in the Channel can range from 12°C to 18°C. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Water with a temperature of 18°C is too cold to swim in. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The direct distance across the Channel is approximately 21 miles. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Faster swimmers do not swim as many miles across the Channel. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2 marks

24 *Curious and unafraid, the animals of Mauritius offered themselves up for slaughter...* (page 10)

Why were the dodos *curious and unafraid*?

1 mark

34 When Michael touched the whale it felt smooth.

(a) According to the text on page 9, why might he have expected it to feel smooth?

1 mark

(b) According to the text on page 10, why might he **not** have expected it to feel smooth?

1 mark

Click on the image of each question to find out more.



What Might Inference Iggy Ask?

Inference Iggy might ask questions like these:

- What makes you think...? Give evidence to support your answer.
- What impression are we given about...? Why?
- Why did the character behave like this?
- How does this character feel about the situation? How do you know?
- Why is... important? Explain your answer.
- Which character would you most like to meet? Explain why.

Let's Explore **Inference** Iggy Questions Together

Read the extract from Raider's Peril and answer the questions as a class.

Click on the image to read the text.



Read the rest of the Raider's Peril story [here](#).



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Catanna was happy to have to found topaz because... Tick **one**.

- it was rare.
- she would become the leader of her guild.
- the rarity would make her guild unstoppable.
- the substance could be ground into a fine powder.

Look at the first paragraph. Explain how the reference to the bazaar proves that quartz spears are not special.

Give two ways that Catanna's last mission is portrayed as dangerous.

What impression is the reader given about the character of Catanna in the opening chapter?

Explain two features of her character using evidence from the text to support your answer.

How do you know that Catanna would love to be a revered leader?

Summing Up **Inference Iggy**

Prove your understanding of what Inference Iggy does by answering the following questions:

- What does Inference Iggy help you to do?
- What sort of question might Inference Iggy ask?
- How can you make sure you get full marks on Inference Iggy questions?





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