

What Is an Inference? 1

When you make a simple guess, you don't have much information about the guess you're supposed to make. Here's an example of needing to make a simple guess:

"Guess what I want for my birthday."

You could guess the person wants a puppy, a video game, a skateboard, a basketball, a go-kart, a bicycle, a book, or any other common birthday gift for the person's age. There are too many choices and not enough clues to make an excellent guess here.

An inference is a guess you make based on information or clues you know. To make an inference, you use clues to narrow down your choices until you choose an answer that best matches **all** of the clues.

"For my birthday, I'd like something I could ride to school every day that would give me lots of exercise because I could ride it a long way. Can you guess what it is?"

Information Clues

birthday gifts: puppy, video game, skateboard, basketball, go kart, bicycle, book

something you can ride: skateboard, go-kart, bicycle

something that gives lots of exercise: skateboard, bicycle

can ride it a long way: **bicycle**

Circle whether you would make a guess or an inference to answer each question.

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| 1. What's my favorite day of the week? | guess | inference |
| 2. I'd like something hot, spicy and crunchy for lunch. Can you guess what it is? | guess | inference |
| 3. I'm going to visit my grandparents tomorrow. Do you know how long I'll be gone? | guess | inference |
| 4. Which video game does my little brother play all the time? | guess | inference |
| 5. I love to work outdoors with nature. Do you know what I want to be when I grow up? | guess | inference |
| 6. What kind of music do I like? | guess | inference |

Social Status 2

Write the name of a person in your life who you might say each thing to. Then write that person's social status (family or friend, peer, authority figure). If the person falls under two categories, write them both.

Quote	Name	Social Status
1. "Hey, what's up? You want to sit together at lunch today?"	_____	_____
2. "Excuse me. Would you help me with this math problem? I just don't get it."	_____	_____
3. "Did you write down the history assignment? What pages are we supposed to read?"	_____	_____
4. "Can I go over to Kylie's place after school? We need to work on a project for class."	_____	_____
5. "Sorry I'm late for practice."	_____	_____

Write something you would say to a person of each social status. Write the name of the person you would say it to.

Social Status: **Family Member** Name: _____
What you would say: _____

Social Status: **Authority Figure** Name: _____
What you would say: _____

Social Status: **Peer** Name: _____
What you would say: _____

Reducing Impulsivity

Knowing what to say in social situations is important. Knowing when to stop talking is just as important. When an authority figure tells you what's going to happen, you should not argue or try to discuss the situation. If that person asks you questions or wants your opinion, then you can continue to discuss the situation.

Circle **discuss** if you should talk about each situation further. Circle **don't talk** if you should just be quiet and do what the person tells you.



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1. Your mom says, "No, you can't go to the movies with that friend because I know she has had trouble with the police." **discuss** **don't talk**
2. Your teacher asks, "Can you give me two good reasons I should let you take a make-up test?" **discuss** **don't talk**
3. When you go to the office to charge your lunch, the secretary says, "Students are not allowed to charge lunches." **discuss** **don't talk**
4. You're shooting hoops in the park with your friends after dark. A police officer stops his car and says, "This park is closed after dark. You need to go home now." **discuss** **don't talk**
5. One of your parents says, "Let's order pizza tonight. Where should we get it from?" **discuss** **don't talk**
6. Your boss at the restaurant where you work says, "I need you to drop what you're doing and take out the garbage right now." **discuss** **don't talk**
7. Your social studies teacher says, "I don't know whether to assign a paper or have a test for this chapter. Does anyone have a good reason for one or the other?" **discuss** **don't talk**
8. You and your friends are at the arcade. One of your friends is having a great game that keeps going on and on. The manager comes over to you and says, "It's closing time. You guys need to leave now." **discuss** **don't talk**
9. Your mom has left your oldest sister in charge while she works late. Your sister says, "You do the dishes while I get the laundry started." **discuss** **don't talk**