



Inferring & Reading Comprehension

So, what's everybody thinking?

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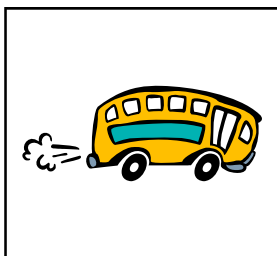
USEFUL SKILLS:

- *Rereading
- *Paying attention to the words
- *Looking closely at the pictures
- *Using schema
- *Taking time
- *Thinking really hard

Infer the meaning of new words in a book.
Make a 3-column word chart.

1. What do you infer it means?
2. What helped us?
3. Put a "c" if confirmed.

*Note: See page 109.



Anchor Mini-Lessons

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Readers determining meanings of unknown words by using their schema, paying attention to textual and picture clues, rereading, and engaging in conversations with others. *Where Are You Going, Manyoni?* By Catherine Stock is perfect for teaching children about inferring at the word level.

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Readers make predictions about text and confirm or contradict their predictions as they read on. *The Royal Bee* by Frances and GingerPark is a good choice for this lesson.

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Readers use their prior knowledge and textual clues to draw conclusions and form unique interpretations of text. *Creatures of the Earth, Sea, and Sky* by Georgia Heard is suggestion. Debbie Miller selects six of the poems.

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(The poem on page 114 is on a student worksheet)

Readers know to infer when the answers to their questions are not explicitly stated in the text. *How Many Days to America?* By Eve Bunting. (See questions on page 115)

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Readers create interpretations to enrich and deepen their experience in a text. Books can help people think about important things in new ways.

Suggested books:

- Flag of our Fathers* by James Bradley
- Miss Maggie* by Cynthia Rylant
- Fireflies* by Julie Brinkloe

Postscript: Check out the sticky notes show in Figure 8.3 on page 109.

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Fly Away Home
by Eve Bunting

For the Good of the Earth and Sun
by Georgia Heard

Grandfather Twilight
by Barbara Berger

If You Listen
by Charlotte Zolotow

Mother Earth, Father Sky
selected by Jane Yolen

Oliver Button Is a Sissy
by Tomie dePaola

Something Beautiful
by Sharon Dennis Wyeth

Winter Fox
by Catherine Stock