

**To make logical INFERENCES you need to do the following:**

- Use the inference formula,  $I = tc + (bk + e)$ .
- Find clues to support your thinking between the lines.
- Add these clues to what you already know or have read.
- Remember there can be more than one logical inference.
- Be able to support inferences with  $tc + (bk + e)$  as evidence.

**Figure 3.4: Anchor chart for making inferences.**

**Four questions to ask while making inferences:**

What is my inference?

Be aware that you make an inference by filling in information that wasn't directly told to you. You are reading between the lines.

What information did I use to make this inference?

There are various types of information you can use to make inferences .

It can come from information suggested or hinted at in the text—with words or phrases .

The text stimulates a connection with something in your background knowledge and/or life experiences .

How logical was my thinking?

Once you understand how you make inferences, you can engage in a powerful and essential part of the process—examining the validity of your thinking . Discussion with others helps as well as checking information that appears inaccurate or unclear with other sources.

Do I need to change my thinking?

The final step in the process is to consider any possible changes in your thinking . The point is to help yourself develop the habit of actively updating your thinking as you gather new information.

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