

Inferencing

Inferencing involves reading 'hidden' information about a situation, for example I know that my sister is bored because she is yawning. Inferencing is something that many children with autism find difficult. It can make it harder to interact with people and to have conversations with them.

Inferencing is a good thing to work on if your child has good communication skills – i.e. can communicate well using speech or sign, gesture or symbols on a communication aid. If your child is not able to do this yet, working on inferencing will be too hard for them at the moment.

Activities to work on inferencing:

- Watch one of the Michael Hickox Lego videos on YouTube (search for 'Michael Hickox Lego'). You can pause the video as things happen and ask your child:
 - How did he/she feel?
 - What might he/she do next?
 - What might happen next?
 - Why did he/she do that?

If your child is not sure help them to answer by offering choices e.g. 'did they chase the dog to try and get the ball back, or because they wanted to do some running?'

- Look at pictures in books and ask your child why/how questions e.g.:
 - How does he/she feel?
 - How do you know that the man is angry?
 - Why is he running away?
 - Why do we need to clean our teeth?

The following activities are available from a website called Twinkl (www.twinkl.co.uk). Twinkl usually has a subscription fee but is currently free for parents to access for a month. You will need to register. Download the activities so you can keep using them in the future.

Use the following code to gain free access: CVDTWINKLHELPS

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-s-3745-where-are-they-going-making-inferences-activity>

Print out these pictures or look at them on a computer or tablet. Ask your child to try and work out where the person might be going and to choose from the picture options

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-s-622-why-because-scenes>

Print out these pictures or look at them on a computer or tablet. Ask your child to try and work out what the answer to the 'why' question might be and to choose it from the options.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-s-1262-inference-picture-cards>

Print out these pictures or look at them on a computer or tablet. Ask your child to try and answer all the questions – you might need to help with reading them out. If your child is not sure offer them choices to help them answer e.g. 'does she feel sad because she hurt herself or because her doll is broken?'

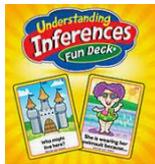
Apps to work on inferencing



Between The Lines Lite – free. Video, audio and image scenarios. Your child might need help to read the answers although there are options for these to be read aloud.



Inference Pics Lite – free. Photo scenarios with questions. Your child might need help to read the answers although there are options for these to be read aloud.



Understanding Inferences Fun Deck - £2.99 Cartoon scenarios with questions. Your child might need help to read the answers although there are options for these to be read aloud.