

Inferences

An inference is a guess. But it's not just any guess. It's a guess you make with the help of clues.

You can often infer things in a story. For example, if you read a story that said people were eating breakfast before going to school, you could probably infer or guess that it was morning.

Read the following story. Then see if you can figure out the answer to the questions below.

Tina looked out across the water. The waves splashed back and forth against the shore. There were lots of kids in their swimsuits playing in the sand. There were even a few surfers trying to ride the waves.

Slowly Tina stood up. She threw the remains of her lunch into the picnic basket. Then she started toward the water.

"Where are you going?" her mother asked?

"I'm going to play in the water for a bit," Tina answered.

"Be careful," her mother said. "And stay where I can see you."

"I will," Tina answered. With a smile on her face she ran forward and then dove into the cool wetness.

1. Was Tina a boy or a girl? _____

2. How did you infer this? (What clues helped you to guess this?): _____

3. Where is Tina at? _____

4. How did you infer this? _____

5. Is it morning, afternoon or night? _____

6. How did you infer this? _____
