

Making Inferences and Drawing Conclusions



The Case of the Broken Window

One Saturday afternoon as Mrs. Garcia got back from her errands, she noticed the shards of glass on the living room floor of her house. As she took a closer look, she saw that her window had been broken. Something hit it that caused the glass to break. But who could have done it and how? Help her solve this problem by looking at the events that happened outside Mrs. Garcia's home while she was away from her place.



After reading the text and looking at the image, answer in complete sentences how Mrs. Garcia's window broke. Who could have done it and how? Explain your answer thoroughly.

Without you even knowing it, you actually used the skills of making inferences and drawing conclusions. When you read the text and looked at the image, you looked for clues and used your own experience or what you know that would help you identify what happened to Mrs. Garcia's window. Doing so helped you arrived at a conclusion as to who may have broken it. Hold on to your answer here because you will go back to it a little later.



How to Make Inferences and Draw Conclusions

Making inferences is a thinking process of reading between the lines using pictures and text clues.

Drawing conclusions is a kind of inference, requiring reasoning and observation skills. It can be likened to solving a mystery.

Let us map out the difference of the two concepts and how we can apply them in reading.



Making Inferences	How to Do	Drawing Conclusions
The process of figuring out the missing pieces of information by using the stated and explicitly given information	Pay attention to the explicitly given clues in a text. Highlight or write them down.	The judgment or decision arrived at based on information learned that requires reasoning and observation skills
Uses clues or cues given in a text or picture	Relate what you know and use your personal experience as you read to find the missing information (inference) and arrive at an end result (conclusion).	Solves a mystery or figures out a problem by means of making inferences to arrive at a conclusion
Requires the use of facts given in a text, our own knowledge and personal experience related to a situation, and making logical connections to find out what is not directly seen or stated		Requires the use of facts given in a text and relate them with our own knowledge and personal experience to figure out the “why”

Let us go back to the text you read on the first page page of this lesson to better understand if the inference you made and conclusion you arrived at make sense.



Explicitly Given Clues	Shards of glass on the living room floor, broken window, children who played ball along the street, boy who rode a bike, and boy who rode a skateboard
Relating the Text to Personal Experience and Background Knowledge	Something was thrown into the air and hit Mrs. Garcia's window that caused the glass to break. There were several children who were playing along the street near Mrs. Garcia's house while she was away. Among those who played along the street near Mrs. Garcia's place, it is likely that the children playing ball hit Mrs. Garcia's window by accident. This is because a ball can bounce high and fast when thrown or kicked into the air.
Inference	The ball hit Mrs. Garcia's window.
Conclusion	One of the children playing ball may have hit Mrs. Garcia's window when the ball was kicked too high, too fast, or too hard.

Are your inference and conclusion the same or close to the ones given on this page? If not, go back to the text on the first page and reread the text to see what you may have missed.

Let us put to practice what you have just learned.

You will find on the succeeding pages a selection to read and an exercise to answer. Read first the meaning of some of the difficult words you will encounter in the selection. When you start reading, take time to answer in words or phrases the guide questions given on the right side of the selection page. Doing so will help you monitor your understanding of the selection and answer easily the exercise.



Unlocking of Difficult Words

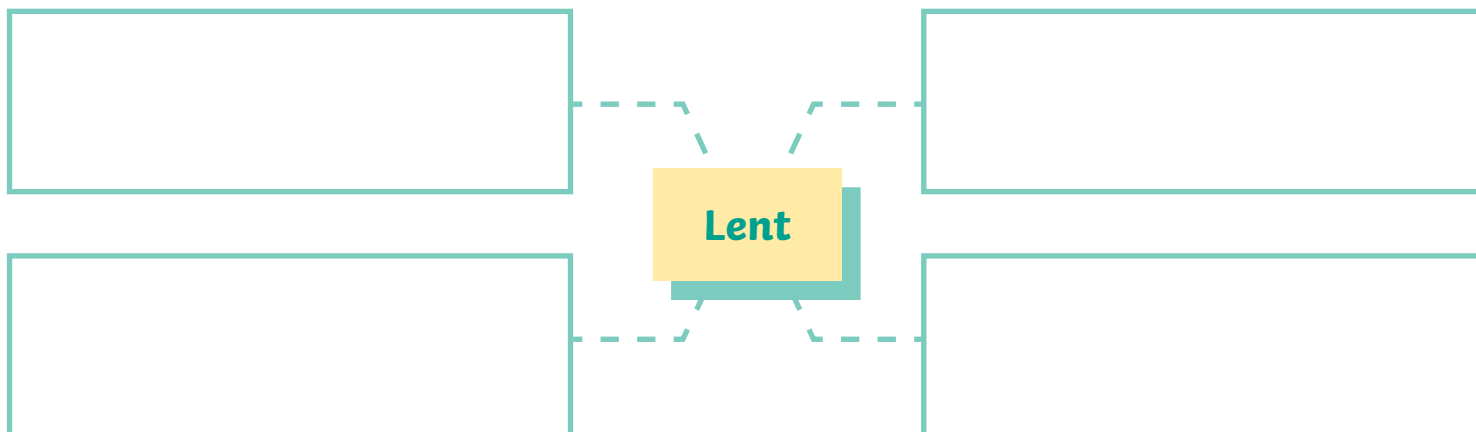
Word	Meaning	Sentence
influx (n.)	a coming in	The government prepared its agencies for the influx of tourists this Lenten season.



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pilgrims (n.)	people who travel to a shrine or holy place as devotees	Catholic pilgrims flock churches during Lent.
protocol (n.)	a system of rules about the correct way to act in formal situations	The government issued a mandated protocol of wearing a mask, specially in public places.
collaborated (v.)	worked jointly with others or together	The different government agencies collaborated with each other to ensure the safety of the public.
precautions (n.)	care taken in advance	The government urged the public to take precautions when traveling to prevent accidents.
sustainable (adj.)	using resources in such a way that they will still be available in the future	Sustainable practices, like avoiding single-use plastics, are friendlier to the environment.
solemn (adj.)	very serious or formal in manner	Lent is a solemn occasion for Catholics as it commemorates the passion and death of Christ.
diverse (adj.)	differing from one another	Philippine languages are as diverse as the number of islands the country has.
simultaneously (adv.)	happening at the same time	Several Lenten activities happen simultaneously in various parts of the country.
pious (adj.)	sacred or devotional	Devoted Catholics hardly miss any prayer, for they are pious followers of the faith.



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How did the government prepare for the celebration of Holy Week in the country?



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Explain why Lent is regarded as an important occasion in the Philippines.

9 Lent in the Philippines is a **solemn** period that begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates with the Semana Santa or Holy Week when unique and **diverse** events happen **simultaneously** in all corners of the country. Over the six-week period of Lent, Filipinos make extensive preparations for themselves, their communities and their visitors, and stage rituals and customs that create **pious**, meaningful, transformative, and memorable experiences.



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Why did DOT issue such guidelines for the public?



Source: Department of Tourism
Official Government Website Philippines

Read each question carefully. Write the letter of the best answer on the blank before each number.

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- D. to show tourists how beautiful the Philippines is

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Making Inferences and Drawing Conclusions Answers

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DOT coordinated and communicated with the concerned government agencies to make the necessary preparations for the celebration of Holy Week.

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Airport authorities to create Help Desks, LGUs and PNP to increase police visibility and deploy police trained to assist tourists, hotels and beach owners to ensure the availability of lifeguards, first aid staff, and first aid kits



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To gently remind the public of the guidelines that will help maintain cleanliness, peace, and order during the Lenten season



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