

# making inferences/ drawing conclusions

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Students with language difficulties struggle to make inferences and draw conclusions when faced with text. Teach them that these skills are actually things that they do everyday whether it be eavesdropping on a big sister or listening in on mom's phone conversation. Help them master the art of making inferences and drawing conclusions exclusive of text- then they can grow from there! Take your cell phone out during language therapy and role play (or have them role play) the phone conversations below. I bet they can make inferences!

Hi,  
yes ma'am.....ok I'm  
ready. I need 2 large cheese and  
a medium pepperoni. No thank you,  
that will be all. *Who did I call? How  
do you know?*

Hi, I  
saw a picture of  
Sam on the stop sign in  
my neighborhood and I  
think I might have found  
him. Does he have a red  
collar? Yes, he was playing in  
the water near my house and  
I brought him inside.  
*Who is Sam? What  
happened to Sam?*

So do you  
want to go out  
Friday night? I  
don't know what  
time it's playing  
but I can find out.  
If we get there by  
4:00 we will have  
time to get a  
great seat and  
some popcorn,  
too. It's going to  
be great!  
*Where are they  
going Friday night?  
How do you know?*

Hi there, I need to rent a bus the  
1st Thursday of April. How many  
children can your buses hold? Do they  
have televisions because the kids would  
really enjoy that. Ok will you be able to  
get us back to school by 2:45?  
*Why do I need a bus?*

I'm  
sorry, Riley, but you are  
punished from TV and video  
games. Why? You know why- you know  
your teacher expects you to do it every  
night but you didn't so now there are  
consequences. Yes I know you had to miss  
recess but you are still punished at  
home, too.  
*Why is Riley punished? How  
do you know?*

Hi, I  
saw your ad  
in the  
newspaper  
and I'm  
interested in  
what you  
have for sale.  
Can I ask  
you....how are  
the tires? Has  
it ever been  
wrecked?  
*What am I trying  
to buy? How do  
you know?*

Yes.  
Yes. It's  
Thursday  
night at the  
stadium. Coach  
Ricks said we have to  
be there by 5:00.  
Wouldn't it be awesome  
if we WON?  
*What's happening  
Thursday night? What  
clues made you  
guess that?*

Hi  
mom,  
yes I am  
hungry. I  
guess a  
Big Mac  
&  
smoothie  
would be  
good.  
*Where is  
mom and  
what is  
she  
doing?*

Hi ma'am. I need to bring my son to your  
office today. Yes. Fever. I don't know what's  
wrong but I am worried.  
*Who did I call? Why did I call that place or that  
person? What made you think that?*

Hello  
sir, I would like to  
have my son's party at your  
place. Ok. How much will that  
cost? How many tokens will each  
child get? And will they get pizza  
AND cake? He will love that!  
*Where will my son's party be  
held? How do you know?*