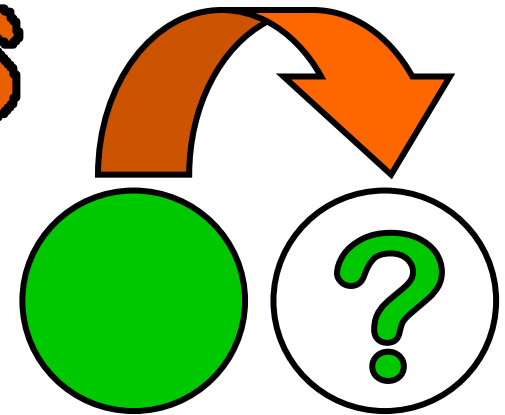


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32 multiple choice, short story  
cards to practice inference

# Drawing Conclusions Task Cards



- ✓ Perfect for reading strategy centers
- ✓ Great for test prep and fast finishers.
- ✓ Recording sheet and answer key included

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These short story drawing conclusions task cards are a great way to practice inference, which can be one of the trickier reading strategies. The multiple choice format makes them ideal for test prep. Students can use these cards individually at a center or they could also test each other in pairs. Another option is to use the cards with the whole class for the game SCOOT. A student answer sheet is included as well as an answer key so students can self-correct. If you want to add an extra challenge, I have also included a "Challenge Card" which asks students to explain their reasoning for each card.

These cards will look best in color, but will also print out fine in grayscale. Simply print and cut along the guidelines. Laminate and use them again and again. One advantage to laminating is you could have student write directly on the card, underlining the words and phrases that helped them draw their conclusions. Alternatively, you could print on cardstock. It works well to keep them in a baggie. Another option is to hole-punch a corner of each card and put them all on a ring. A label for your baggie or card ring is also included.

If you prefer a short answer format, you can find a different set of stories on my Inference Task cards here:

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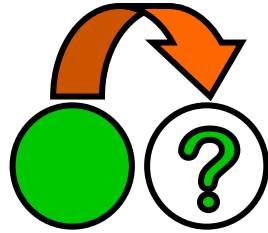
## Drawing Conclusions

Sam is trying to do his homework, but it is so noisy! Other kids are talking and laughing all around him. The engine is loud and the brakes squeak every time they stop, which is often.

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Where is Sam?

- a. at school
- b. on an airplane
- c. on a school bus



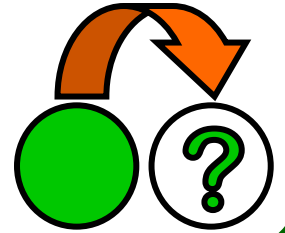
## Drawing Conclusions

First Lindsay put the dirty clothes that were spread all over the floor into the laundry hamper. Then she put away the game of checkers from yesterday and made her bed.

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What is Lindsay doing?

- a. playing checkers
- b. cleaning her room
- c. doing laundry



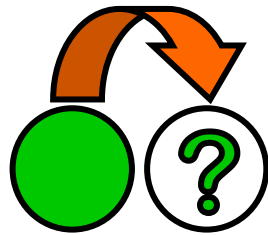
## Drawing Conclusions

Marissa shivered as she climbed up the long ladder. Carefully, she walked to the end of the board and looked down. "Hurry up!" said the kid behind her. Marisa held her breath and jumped.

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Where is Marissa?

- a. on a trampoline
- b. on a diving board
- c. on a pirate ship



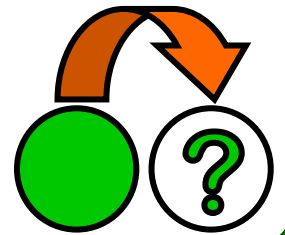
## Drawing Conclusions

Mr. Martin looked at his watch. Then he took a bus schedule out of his bag and studied it for a moment. A few minutes later, he looked at his watch again and sighed.

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Why does Mr. Martin keep looking at his watch?

- a. the bus is late
- b. his watch is broken
- c. his watch is cool



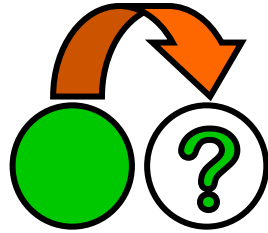
## Drawing Conclusions

Mandy had fun hiking in the woods and doing crafts. She also really enjoyed the campfire sing-a-long and had made a lot of new friends. Still, she was glad that tomorrow she would be going home.

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Where is Mandy?

- a. at camp
- b. at a slumber party
- c. on a picnic



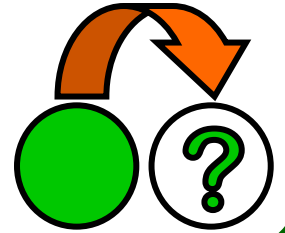
## Drawing Conclusions

"Down boy!" said Jeff, laughing as he tried to calm his slobbering pet. "We'll go for a walk in a minute."

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What kind of a pet does Jeff have?

- a. a cat
- b. a parrot
- c. a dog



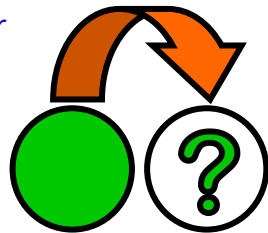
## Drawing Conclusions

Lauren woke up in the middle of the night to the sound of crying. She heard her mother's soft footsteps in the hall. Soon the house was quiet again.

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Who was crying?

- a. Lauren's baby brother or sister
- b. Lauren's best friend
- c. Lauren's mother



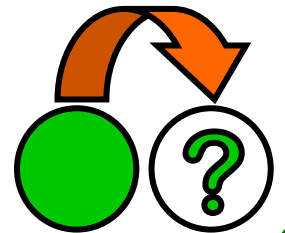
## Drawing Conclusions

Ryan's costume was itchy. As he waited for his cue, he went over his lines in his head. He knew he was ready, but he was still nervous.

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Where is Ryan?

- a. at a Halloween party
- b. on stage
- c. backstage



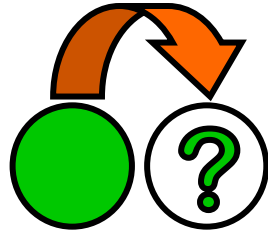
## Drawing Conclusions

Susie Q spent the day making balloon animals for children. When she got home, she washed off her makeup, took off her oversized shoes, and practiced riding her unicycle.

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What is Susie Q?

- a. a magician
- b. a clown
- c. a teacher



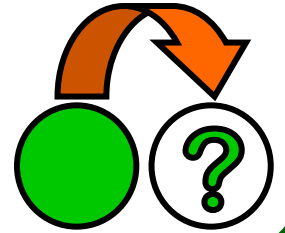
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"I want candy!" Shelby shouted as loudly as she could. "I want it, I want, it I want it!" The other shoppers stopped to stare. Shelby's mother picked her up and carried her out to the car.

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About how old is Shelby?

- a. one
- b. three
- c. nine



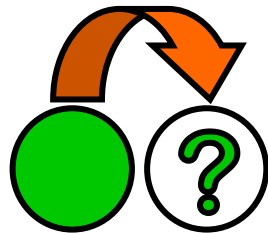
## Drawing Conclusions

It seemed like it was taking forever for the food to come. Brandon played tic-tac-toe on his napkin with his sister. Then he made a pattern out of the different sugar packets.

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Where is Brandon?

- a. in a restaurant
- b. at the dinner table
- c. in the school lunch room



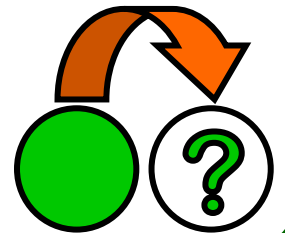
## Drawing Conclusions

During recess, Britney whispered something into Kaitlin's ear. Both girls looked at Sarah and started to laugh. Sarah walked away, with tears in her eyes.

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Why is Sarah crying?

- a. she hurt herself
- b. she thinks Britney and Amber are making fun of her
- c. She is a cry baby



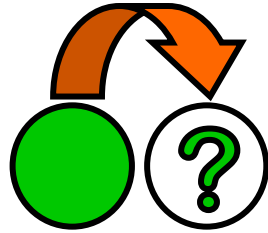
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Kylie woke up feeling itchy and hot. There were little red spots all over her body. "No school for you," said mom.

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Why isn't Kylie going to school?

- a. she overslept
- b. it's Saturday
- c. she has chickenpox



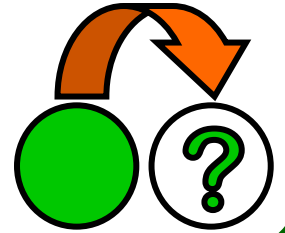
## Drawing Conclusions

Julie put on her sweater and went outside. The sun was shining, but the grass was still wet from the recent rain. Julie stopped to look at the bright, red tulips, which were just starting to bloom.

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What season is it?

- a. spring
- b. summer
- c. autumn



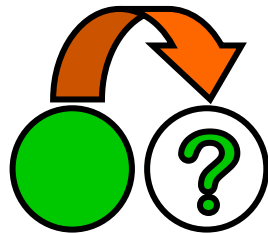
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Trevor stood very still. He had never been so close to a deer before. Then he heard loud footsteps and his brother calling his name. The deer bolted into the woods.

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Why did the deer bolt?

- a. it was afraid of Trevor
- b. it heard a gunshot
- c. it was startled by Trevor's brother.



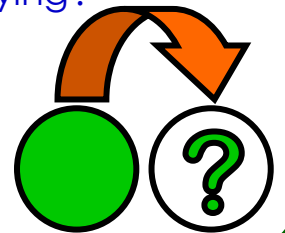
## Drawing Conclusions

Miles could see the ball coming towards him. He backed up a few steps, put his glove up and caught it! Everyone started cheering! His teammates ran to the outfield and carried him back on their shoulders.

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What game was Miles playing?

- a. baseball
- b. football
- c. soccer



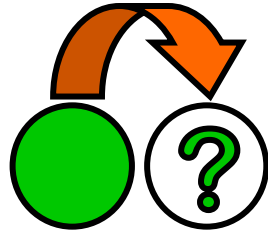
## Drawing Conclusions

Kyle looked around in the dim light. Everything was covered in dust. It took awhile, but he finally found the box labeled "photos." He carried the box downstairs to his grandma, who was waiting in the kitchen.

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Where was Kyle?

- a. in the basement
- b. in the attic
- c. in the garage



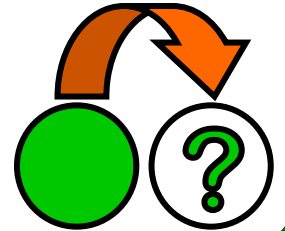
## Drawing Conclusions

"Here kitty, kitty," called Zoe softly. The cat meowed, but refused to come closer. Zoe grabbed onto a sturdy branch above her head and in climbed a little closer.

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Where is Zoe?

- a. at a park
- b. in her house
- c. in a tree



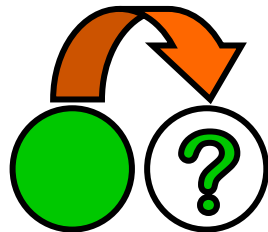
## Drawing Conclusions

"Alex!" called Mrs. Sloan over and over. Other shoppers looked concerned and started looking for the lost child. Then a young woman came around the corner holding Alex's hand. "I found him in the candy section," she said.

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Where is Mrs. Sloan?

- a. at a supermarket
- b. at a bookstore
- c. at the mall



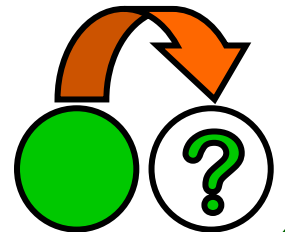
## Drawing Conclusions

Robbie excitedly tore the bright red wrapping paper off the box. Instead of the science kit he had been hoping for, he saw that the box was from a department store. He took off the lid to find a brown sweater inside.

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What is Robbie feeling?

- a. happiness
- b. surprise
- c. disappointment



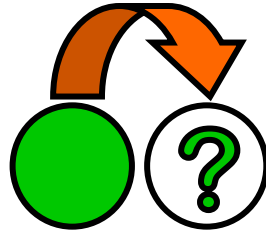
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As the final notes played, Nancy glided gracefully to a stop and posed with her arms above her head. The crowd erupted in cheers. Nancy collected the flowers that people had thrown onto the ice for her.

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What is Nancy?

- a. a dancer
- b. a figure skater
- c. a musician



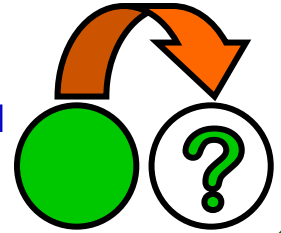
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It is a bright, sunny day. Tasha is wearing a new skirt. Her new, blue backpack is full of the school supplies that her mother bought last week. Tasha is feeling excited and a little nervous

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What day is it?

- a. the first day of school
- b. The last day of school
- c. Tasha's birthday



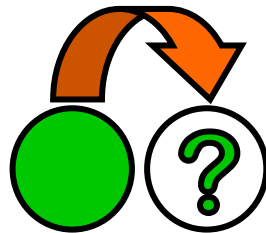
## Drawing Conclusions

Maria threw the flat stone toward the lake. "One, two, three, four, five!" she called to her Dad, "That is a new record for me!" Then she went to search for more flat stones.

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What is Maria doing?

- a. collecting rocks
- b. skipping stones
- c. making big splashes



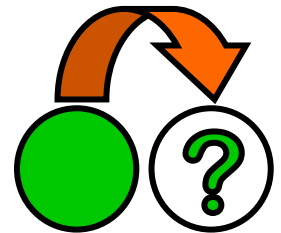
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Chris put on the shirt and left the small room to show his mother. "Too big," she said and handed him another shirt to try. Chris sighed as he started to pull the shirt over his head.

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Where is Chris?

- a. at a supermarket
- b. at a toy store
- c. at a clothes store





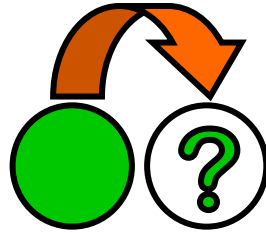
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It was silent reading time. Aiden was reading an exciting book about a wizard. Aiden did not hear the teacher when she said that silent reading time was over.

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Why didn't Aiden hear the teacher?

- a. he was deaf
- b. she used a very quiet voice
- c. he was absorbed in his book.



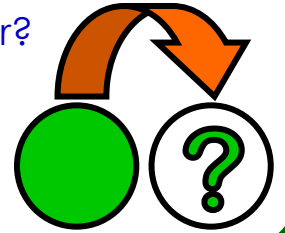
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Andy stood on the front step searching through his pockets. He tried opening the door, but it was locked, just as he knew it would be. Mom wouldn't be home for another hour. Andy sighed and sat down on the step to wait.

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What was Andy looking for?

- a. his cell phone
- b. a pen
- c. his house key



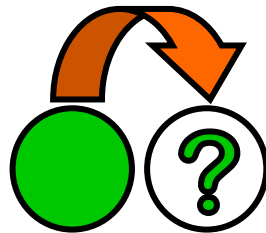
## Drawing Conclusions

Sheldon and Leonard always eat lunch together. Today Sheldon took his lunch to a different table. When Leonard went to ask him why, Sheldon refused to talk to him.

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Why isn't Sheldon eating lunch with Leonard?

- a. he is angry
- b. he is shy
- c. he is not hungry



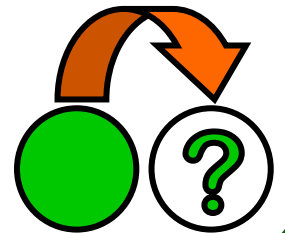
## Drawing Conclusions

Penny was so tired when she got home from work. There had been more customers than usual and the new cook had messed up several of her orders. She took off her uniform and relaxed into a hot bath.

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What is Penny?

- a. a dishwasher
- b. a cook
- c. a waitress



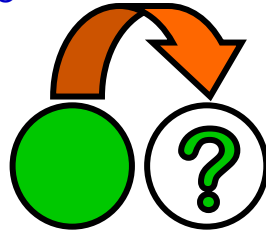
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Sylvia is waiting in line with her class. She is near the end because she is shorter than most of her classmates. Her mother put her hair back in a special way and she is wearing one of her nicest outfits.

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What is Sylvia waiting in line for?

- a. school pictures
- b. to see the nurse
- c. recess



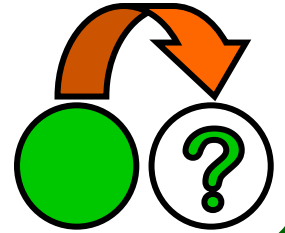
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Jessie waded into the water. He saw a pretty shell under the water and bent down to pick it up. Suddenly a big wave came and pushed him over! It was a little scary, but at least he got the shell!

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Where is Jessie?

- a. at a pool
- b. at a lake
- c. at the ocean



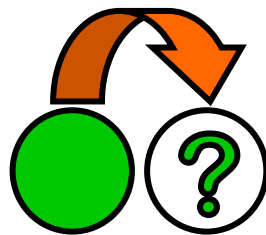
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When Joe arrived at the Smith house, Mrs. Smith led him right to the kitchen sink. Joe opened his toolbox and went to work. "It won't leak anymore," he told Mrs. Smith when he was done.

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What is Joe?

- a. a carpenter
- b. a plumber
- c. a repairman



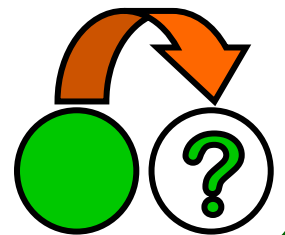
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Amber looks at the clock again. Still five more minutes! She is not sure she will make it. The seconds tick by. Finally, the bell rings! As her classmates head out the door for recess, Amber sprints down the hall.

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Where is Amber going?

- a. home
- b. to the office
- c. to the bathroom



Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Drawing Conclusions

## Answer Sheet

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9.	10.	11.	12.
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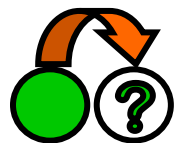
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Check your work!

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## Answer Key



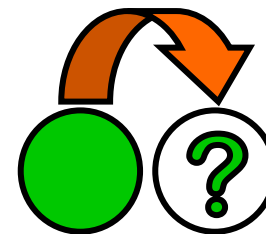
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