

# 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'll 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?*

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?*

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?*

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? Will they get pizza AND cake? He will love that! *Where will my son's party be held? How do you know?*

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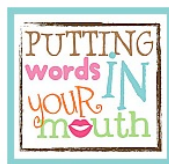
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