

Reading Vipers

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Vocabulary

Infer

Predict

Explain

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Sequence or Summarise



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WALT: To use inference.

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Today's focus is inference.

Can you explain what inference
is and how we can infer?



Read this page from the start of Chapter 3.

CHAPTER THREE



By now it was quite late. The rush-hour was over. The shops were shut. All was quiet. I'll wait, thought Max, and then when a car or lorry comes along I'll cross in front of it.

Soon he saw something coming. It was a lorry. He was halfway across when he suddenly realized that the lorry hadn't slowed up at all and was almost on top of him, blinding him with its brilliant lights, deafening him with its thunderous roar. It was not going to stop! Lorries only stopped for people – not hedgehogs!

The lorry driver, who, until he was almost upon the crossing, had been quite unaware of the tiny pedestrian, did the only possible thing. With no time to brake or swerve, he steered so as to straddle the little animal. Looking back in his wing-mirror, he saw that it was continuing on its way unhurt, and he grinned and drove on into the night.

Answer these questions:

- 1.) Why does Max want to cross in front of something?
- 2.) Why didn't the lorry slow down?

Remember to start your answer with 'I think...' and use 'because'.



Read these 2 paragraphs from Chapter 3.

The sheer horror of this great monster passing above with its huge wheels on either side of him threw Max into a blind panic, and he made for the end of the crossing as fast as his legs would carry him. He did not see the cyclist silently pedalling along close to the kerb and the cyclist did not see him until the last moment. Feverishly the man twisted his handlebars, and the front wheel of the bicycle, suddenly wrenched round, caught Max on the rump and catapulted him head first into the face of the kerbstone.

The next thing that Max recalled was crawling painfully under his own front gate. Somehow he had managed to come back over the zebra crossing. He had known nothing of the concern of the cyclist, who had dismounted, peered at what looked like a small dead hedgehog, sighed and pedalled sadly away. He remembered nothing of his journey home, wobbling dazedly along on the now deserted pavement, guided only by his sense of smell. All he knew was that he had an awful headache.

Answer these questions:

- 1.) Why was the cyclist sad?
- 2.) Why does Max have a headache?

Remember to start your answer with 'I think...' and use 'because'.

