



KEY READING SKILLS STUDY SHEET 3

Inferring meaning

Understanding something that the writer does not say directly

John came into the office and sat down. Chris continued working. He didn't look up. Finally, John asked, "Where's my camera?" Chris stopped working. "What camera?" he asked. "You know what camera I mean!" shouted John.

John thinks Chris has his camera.

He's at work.

John is angry.

How to infer meaning

- Look for nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.
- Try to imagine what is happening.

Think

What do the nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs describe?

What ideas do the words give?

What is the writer really trying to say?

Practice

Read this paragraph and underline the words that tell you ...

- Samantha is in the living room.
- Kenji was hot.
- Kenji was very tired.

"My feet!"

Kenji came into the room. Samantha was sitting on the sofa watching television. She looked at Kenji. His face was red and he was sweating. Slowly, Kenji sat down in a chair. He took off his shoes. "Oh!" he said. "My feet!"