Inference Worksheet

**Definitions:**

LITERAL

If something is literal, you can point to it in the text. You don't need to draw a conclusion or make an inference. The information is right there.

INFERENCE

Inference means that you understand something that the author did not directly say. You can find clues in the author's words. The clues help you to make an inference. It is an educated guess, but you are only looking for things implied in the text.

ANALYSIS

Analysis means that you look at each part of what the author wrote. You are trying to find out why each detail is important to the ideas of the author. You use your judgment to help you complete the meaning the author started. You also make inferences as part of this judgment. You are going beyond the text in analysis.

**Practice:**

The young girl is standing on the corner. She is wearing a bright red jacket and bright red snow pants. She has a scarf tied around her face. She is wearing striped mittens. She looks to the left down the street. She stamps her feet. She puts her backpack on the ground. She looks to the left down the street again.

*List the things you know that the author did not say directly. Tell the clues that helped you make the inferences.*

INFERENCE CLUES

It is winter She is wearing a jacket, snow pants and mitten

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