

Monday 18th January

Learning to: create inference questions based on different parts of the story.

Listen to the beginning of Chapter 2 first.

What is an inference?

An educated guess. We can use evidence from the text and our own knowledge of the story to give an answer.

Which question is an example of an inference question?

1) How does Lyra feel when Lord Asriel first enters the Retiring room?

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You may have noticed the book spells demon slightly different. It is still pronounced the same as demon. We will learn more about what a daemon in later on in the book.

The answer is number 1 because the story doesn't tell us exactly how Lyra is feeling at that point. We would have to use evidence to answer that question. Question 2 is a fact retrieval question because the answer is written in the book.

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If I wanted to create an inference question based the first part of Chapter 2, I'd first need to understand what was happening.

Summary of this page

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"Master," said Lord Asriel. "I came too late to disturb your dinner, so I made myself at home in here. Hello, Sub-Rector. Glad to see you looking so well. Excuse my rough appearance; I've only just landed. Yes, Master, the Tokay's gone. I think you're standing in it. The Porter knocked it off the table, but it was my fault. Hello, Chaplain. I read your latest paper with great interest. . ."

He moved away with the Chaplain, leaving Lyra with a clear view of the Master's face. It was impassive, but the dæmon on his shoulder was shuffling her feathers and moving restlessly from foot to foot. Lord Asriel was already dominating the room, and although he was careful to be courteous to the Master in the Master's own territory, it was clear where the power lay.

The Scholars greeted the visitor and moved into the room, some sitting around the table, some in the armchairs, and soon a buzz of conversation filled the air. Lyra could see that they were powerfully intrigued by the wooden case, the screen and the lantern. She knew the Scholars well: the Librarian, the Sub-

Then I would start looking for evidence that might suggest feelings of characters or events that will happen later.

Evidence

- “The Master’s eyes flicked towards the table... where the Tokay had been.”
- The Master’s daemon is restless.



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Just in that one page there is a lot of evidence about the Master we could turn into an inference question.

- “The Master’s eyes flicked towards the table... where the Tokay had been.” **What is the Master thinking when he see’s the Tokay is gone?**
- The Master’s daemon is restless. **Is the Master’s daemon displaying his true emotions?** **What is the Master feeling when he see’s the Tokay is gone?**

Remember we have to read between the lines when answering an inference question. The answer won't be written down we have to look for evidence, which might give us a clue to the answer!

Step 1: Understand what you have just read. Write a quick summary if this helps.

Step 2: Look for evidence that might suggest feelings of characters or events that might happen later on.

Step 3: Use that evidence to create a question.

We will look at creating some inference questions again tomorrow.