

# INFERENCE

*Learning*

**MARCY'S Mayhem**

**1** What am I?  
I get really hot in the summer and cold in the winter. Mud puddles get stuck on me when it rains. I am mainly made from plastic or metal. Children love me and say "wheeee" when going down.

**4** What am I?  
I am a popular favorite, and some people think that I am from France. I come in all sizes- skinny, short, or curvy. I pair well with a dip or two. My favorite foods that I go great with are hamburgers and sandwiches.

**AUSTIN Finds a home**  
One man's trash is another man's treasure is a popular saying. For a scared, tired kitten, this statement was literally true. An orange tabby cat is known to be one of the friendliest types of felines, but this particular kitten was not feeling friendly. After many months of starvation and being run over, a fatigued, helpless kitten crawled on top of a pile of trash and went to sleep. The little creature did not know that help was on its way very soon.

**Outside a courthouse in Austin County**  
Kate worked in a courthouse in Belleville, Texas, located in Austin county, a small town in Texas. One morning while walking into the building, a bright orange spot caught Kate's eye. Without paying much attention, she went inside to work. Around noon, Kate was headed out the door to grab a bite to eat. The spot on her attention again. She walked around to the back of the building to the orange spot was actually a baby kitten lying there. "It looked like a kitten, it can't weigh more than a couple pounds." Kate later told her friend on the phone. Without a second thought, Kate picked up the cat and took it home.

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The kitten had several broken bones in its leg, and the animal is in a bit of pain, and was probably hit by a car." The vet continued, "It appears she has had extreme trauma for a moment," stated Katie. She rushed out of the building moments, Katie came back to tell the vet to do whatever she could for her home. A few weeks later, she was back to her normal self. Months passed, in bigger appetite. She was so happy to be here, she would purr and meow. She loved being with her new family and she would purr and meow. She loved being with her new family and she would purr and meow. She loved being with her new family and she would purr and meow.

**TEST TAKING PLUES**

**A PIRATES Life**

**Buried Treasure**  
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**The Most Famous Pirate**  
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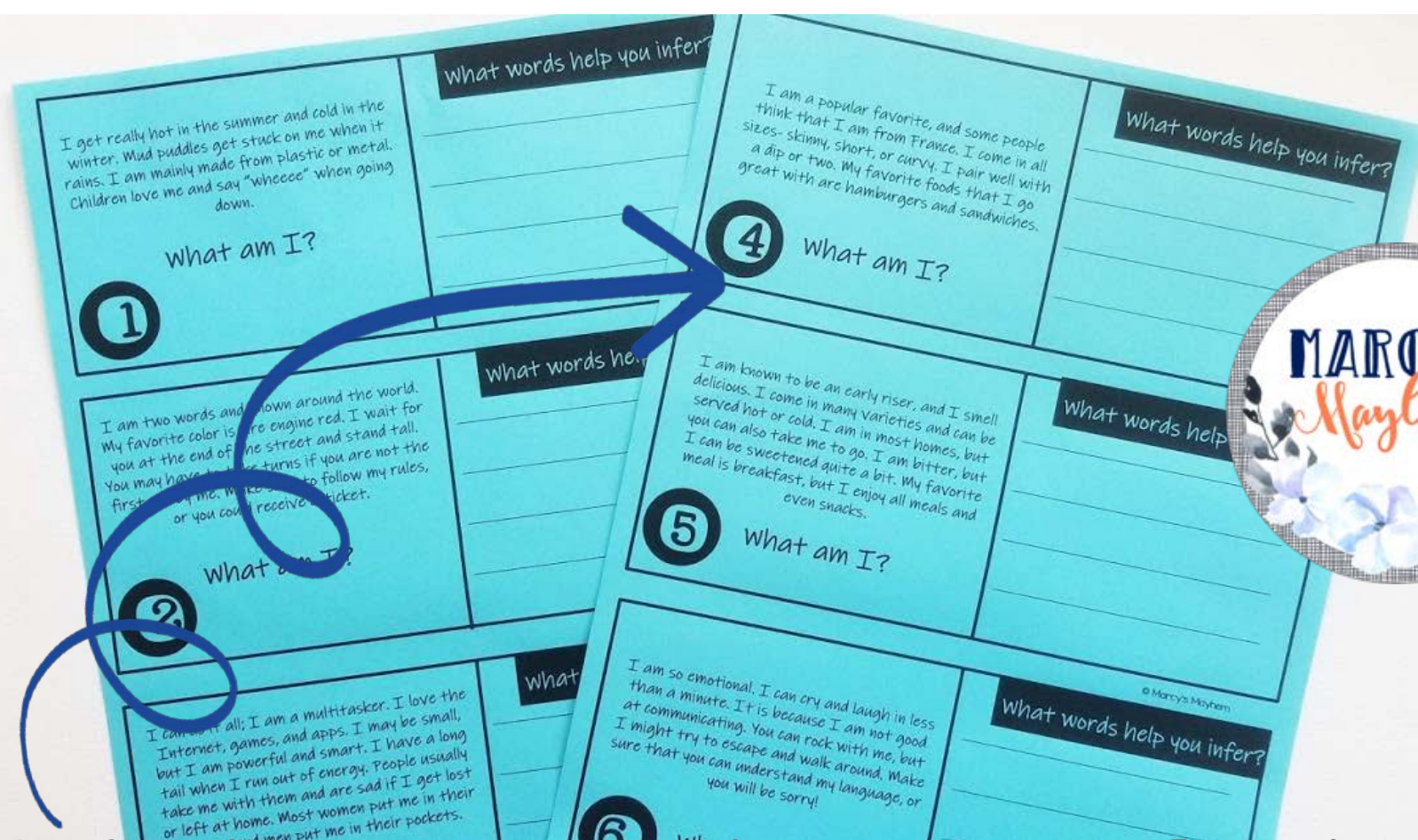
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**BUNDLE** 24 Task Cards/1 Quizzes  
5 Reading Comprehension Passages



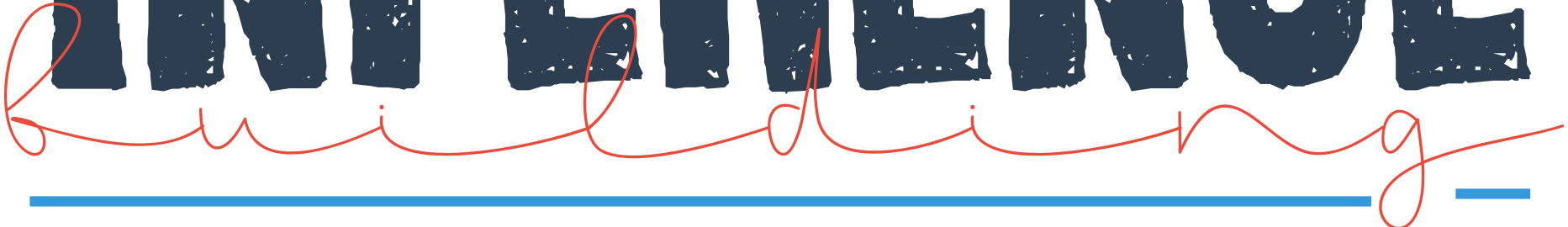
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*Reviewing*




24 Context Clue Task Cards  
& 1 Quiz

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1 Melanie and her husband David were a very adventurous couple. They had traveled loads of places, went camping regularly, and loved the outdoors in general. The past few years Melanie and David had not shared much of their courageous side, due to David going to school full time. David had decided to go back to college to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a football coach. He was finally about to graduate after several years in the program. Melanie knew the perfect graduation gift for him. He had mentioned several times that he wanted to go skydiving. Melanie had always avoided the activity, due to her fear of heights.

2 There was a skydiving place right on the outskirts of town where David was attending college, and Melanie decided to book the event for the two of them. Melanie called and made the reservation a few weeks from his graduation date. She wanted to keep the jump a surprise for David. Her plan was to surprise him the morning of the jump, drive an to the location, jump, and then go eat burgers at David's very favorite hamburger joint. Melanie had avoided the night she booked the trip, and basically didn't sleep much for the next few weeks.

3 Melanie was not going to let her fear get in the way of David's surprise. The morning of the planned jump she woke David up early to tell him of her plan. "Are you serious?" David ecstatically exclaimed. "I can't believe you kept this all to yourself! When do we leave?" he asked. Melanie already had their bags packed and the car loaded. The couple jumped in the car and drove to the skydiving location.




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4 Upon arrival, the couple had to sign a waiver and suit up in bright orange jumpsuits. Since this was the couples first time, a professional skydiver would be strapped to their backs on the way down. The two boarded the plane, which consisted of a large door that they would open once it reached above 10,000 feet. Everyone had looked down at her hand after take off, her fingernails had been worn down to the nub from the previous few weeks of anticipation. Once the plane opened, she needed attitude, a professional opened the huge door. David excitedly stepped up with his jumper and what seemed like only seconds they jumped. It was Melanie's turn and she had her jumper walked to opening. "You ready?" the jumper asked. "Yes, this is only one way out of the plane," she said to Melanie's calm. "We jump on three. One, two, three," she pushed Melanie out of the plane. All she could do was scream at the top of her lungs. She did not realize, but her eyes had been shut when she fell the parachute didn't open and the two were falling through the air. When she finally opened her eyes, she could only see white. She was jumping through a cloud, and after a few seconds she saw it. Beautiful land below. After a few moments, Melanie felt her feet touch the ground. She could not believe she had jumped from a plane. David ran to Melanie. All they embraced laughing and pointing the sky, with her heart pounding. Melanie would she faced one of her fears head on.

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1 Arthur and Gary were talking a mile a minute down the hallway about their upcoming baseball game. The two boys were both on the Blue Pirates baseball team and had suffered a major loss earlier in the week to the Dusty Duo's. The two were talking strategy when Arthur walked into the classroom and suddenly froze. Arthur gasped quietly as he stared at Mrs. Leaver's desk. There they were in a huge stack, the tests the class had taken on Monday.

2 Mrs. Leaver and Arthur exchanged glances, and Mrs. Leaver gave Arthur a sly smile. Mrs. Leaver's eyes appeared to be bloodshot, and he noticed a huge cup of coffee steaming on her desk. Arthur's heart sank and he quickly put away his backpack and went to find his seat. The night prior to the test was the Pirates major defeat, and his baby sister had been up all night crying. Arthur was normally a straight A student, but this test was not his best at tempo.

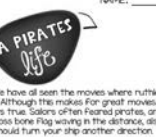
3 Mrs. Leaver frantically wrote the lessons on the board for the board before the student's arrived. She started barking orders at the students. "Class, quick, take out your papers and begin the writing lesson," she yelled everyone to be quiet," she demanded. "I can't hear the tests."

4 Mrs. Leaver quickly quieted as the principal started to say to all the student's put their hands on their hearts as they behind her desk. As she was walking, she tripped on a bag towards her table. Her hands extended straight up in the air. The students watched as the coffee fourth wicker, and the liquid got crashing down all over the desk.

5 Mrs. Leaver shouted "No grades yet!" She ran to the writing block was over. Mrs. Leaver gathered the papers. "Well kids," she began. "I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that you did not do well on the tests. The bad news is that you did not do well on the tests. I will have to pull another all right."

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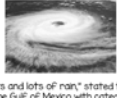
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1 "Lots and lots of rain," started the weather forecaster. This storm is expected to come up the Gulf of Mexico with category 2 wind speeds, hover over the area for a few days, and then head out. Ivy stared at the TV screen and watched while the weatherman listed the remainder of her summer plans. "Ugh, why me?" Ivy scowled in defeat, walked into the kitchen to find her mother.

2 Ivy found her mother washing dishes in the kitchen. "Oh perfect," said Ivy's mom, "You can help me load the dishwasher." "Can you believe what they are saying on the weatherman?" started Ivy. "School is going to start on Monday, and we are basically going to be indoors until then. I can't even enjoy the last few days of summer. I'll be trapped in the house!" Ivy announced. Ivy's mother advised her to make the best out of the day before the storm arrived. Ivy listening to her mother's instructions took off down the street on her bike. She spent the rest of the day at the park with her best friend, she did not go back inside until night before it was dark. After the long day in the heat, Ivy started to accept that that rest of the summer would not go as planned, but she decided she would still have fun indoors.


3 The next morning, Ivy awoke to pounding rain. She looked out her bedroom window at the water gushing down the sidewalk at a more accelerated speed than she had ever seen before. The rain continued to beat down throughout the day, and at one point, the power went out. Ivy and her mother turned in all day to local weather reports as the rain only broke for an hour in the evening. Ivy went to bed that night knowing that the next day, would be her last official day of summer.

4 Ivy awoke the next morning and looked out her bedroom window like she always did. She immediately did a double take. Ivy's front lawn looked a little more like a swimming pool than it did a lawn green space. Ivy decided to head downstairs to find her mother. Her mom was watching the news with a distraught stare on her face, she did not see Ivy walk in. "Mom, did you see the front lawn?" Ivy mentioned. "Yes," said Ivy's mother. "I did, the district just called off starting school tomorrow." "Yes," said Ivy's mother. "I am going to postpone school for a week," her mother continued. Ivy was ecstatic as she jumped up and down. "My prayers have been answered," she beamed. She carefully what you wish for Ivy, her mother announced. Our salvation can not take much more rain, have you looked outdoors?"

5 The rain continued to pour the remainder of the day. Ivy's sense of enthusiasm definitely lessened that evening when her mom handed her her suitcase. "I want to you take only your favorite things," started her mother. "We don't have a lot of time, so please hurry and meet me in the car in 10 minutes." Ivy turned to face her bedroom, and let out a long sigh. "I will never hate the end of summer again," she muttered under her breath. She entered her bedroom to pack, she did not know when she would return to her home.

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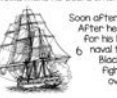
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## 5 Reading Comprehension Passages THAT FOCUS ON MAKING INFERENCES IN THE TEXT



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Reading

Each reading passage contains:

## MULTIPLE CHOICE & SHORT ANSWER

## OPTIONS

1. What does the word *demeanor* mean in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph?

A. Mood  
B. Theivery  
C. Swords  
D. Attitude

2. Why would the author explain that there is still buried treasure in the Gulf of Mexico?

A. So the reader can spread the word about the possibility of finding sunken treasure  
B. To help the reader visualize what the treasure may look like  
C. For the reader to understand where to locate a treasure  
D. To list a Fact about previous pirates

3. What do you think the authors purpose of including the pronunciation of pirates treasure?

A. The pronunciation sounds funny  
B. The word means something different today  
C. This is necessary information in order to understand the text  
D. None of these are reasons to include a Fun Fact

4. What was more than likely Blackbeard's reason for changing his name when he became a pirate?

A. He no longer wanted a last name  
B. He was more Feared with his pirate name  
C. He was unable to think of another alternative name.  
D. He really wanted to light his beard on fire

5. What can the reader assume would have happened had Blackbeard's ship not been shipwrecked?

A. Blackbeard would still be sailing the seas today  
B. Blackbeard would have captured at least three more boats  
C. Blackbeard would have had more crew members  
D. Blackbeard would have not been executed

6. The reader can conclude the a pirate will have which of the following qualities?

A. Compassionate  
B. Forgiving  
C. Unsettling  
D. Freedom

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