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Before You Read



Critical Thinking
Keys to Inferences

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Which statements are True and which statements are False?

WELL DONE!

- ✓ **TRUE / FALSE** A) An inference is a conclusion you come to in your mind based on something else that you believe to be true.
- ✓ **TRUE / FALSE** B) The things that you believe to be **NOT** true are called your assumptions.
- ✓ **TRUE / FALSE** C) Facts are clearly stated information that can be proven.
- ✓ **TRUE / FALSE** D) A sentence using the words, "probably" and "I think" is most likely a fact.

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Interactive Activity

Decision Tree

You and a friend are walking home from school on a warm afternoon when you come to a fork in the road. The road to the left takes you through a forest and will take you longer to get to your house. The road to the right is quicker, but takes you through a construction site.

Do you:

GO LEFT **GO RIGHT**

Do you:

CLIMB THE LADDER **CONTINUE ON THE PATH**

Do you:

CLIMB BACK DOWN **CONTINUE CLIMBING UP**

You both make your way up the ladder, reaching the tree fort just in time to hear it break under your feet. You now find yourselves stranded with no way to get down.

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Graphic Organizers

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Getting the Facts	
Evaluating the Facts	
Drawing a Conclusion Using Logic	
Evaluating a Conclusion	

Critical Thinking Questions

The **Critical Thinking Questions** graphic organizer is a two-column, four row chart with the headings: "Getting the Facts", "Evaluating the Facts", "Drawing a Conclusion using Logic" and "Evaluating a Conclusion" listed vertically.