



Incredible Inferences



Objective

The student will identify inferences.



Materials

- ▶ Inference triangles (Activity Master C.022.AM1a - C.022.AM1b)
- ▶ Inference cards (Activity Master C.022.AM2a - C.022.AM2c)
- ▶ Answer key (Activity Master C.022.AM3a - C.022.AM3b)
An answer key is provided.
- ▶ Game pieces (e.g., counters)



Activity

Students identify inferences by reading clues.

1. Place inference cards face down in a stack at the center. Provide each student with an Inference triangle and game pieces.
2. Taking turns, students draw a card from the stack and read it. For example, Mom made a cake, decorated it, and put candles on it. There are lots of balloons. Children came with presents. Everyone played games. What is going on?
3. Look for phrase on triangle that answers the question (i.e., a birthday party). Read phrase and place game piece on that spot. Place inference card in a discard pile.
4. If no phrase is found which matches clues, place trivia card at the bottom of the stack.
5. Continue activity until all matches are made.
6. Peer evaluation

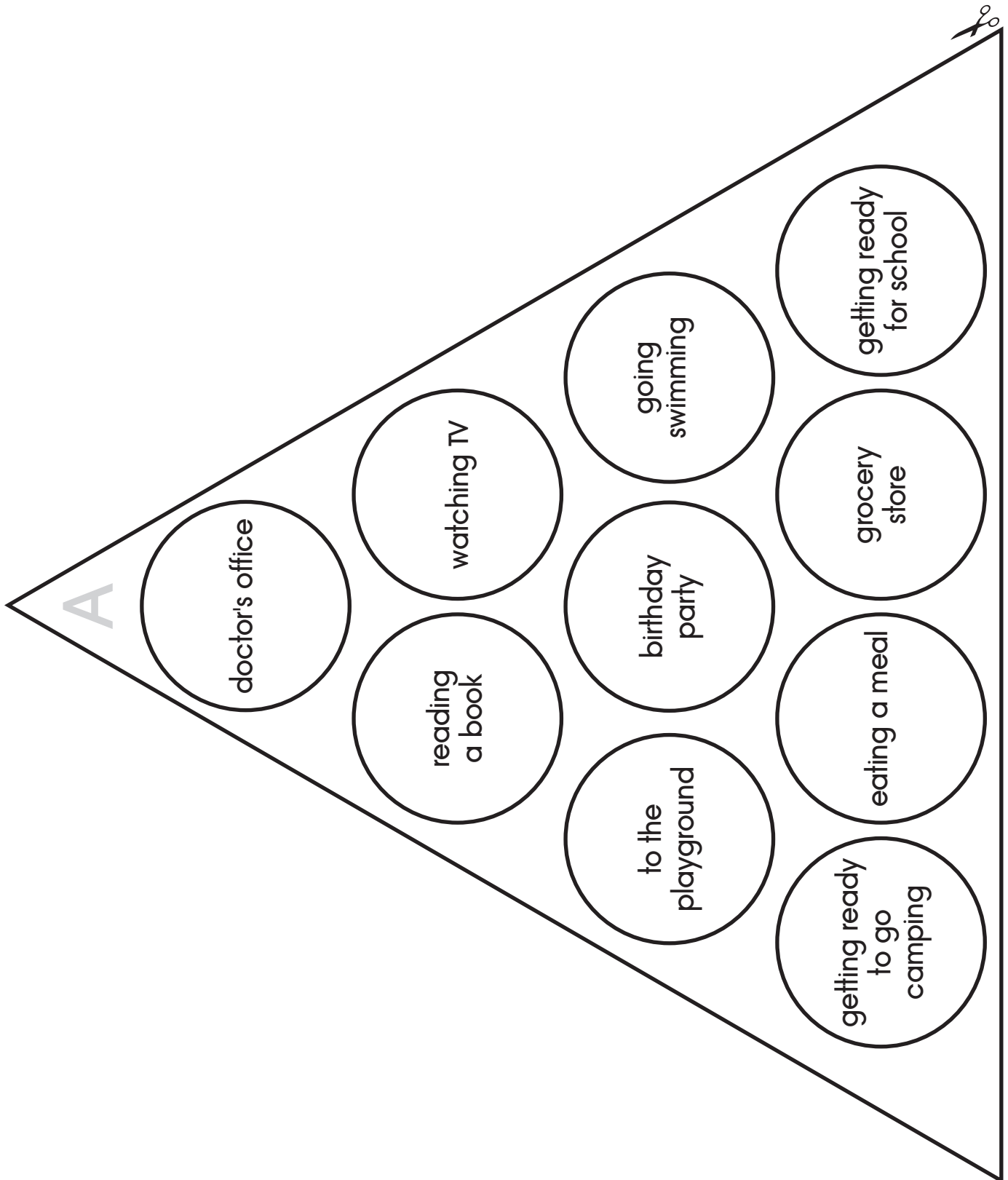
The diagram illustrates the activity setup on a light blue grid background. In the center is a stack of white inference cards. Below the stack is a white text box with a black border containing the following text:
Mom made a cake, decorated it, and put candles on it. There are lots of balloons. Children came with presents. Everyone played games.
What is going on?

Two white inference triangles are positioned on either side of the stack. The left triangle is labeled 'B' at its bottom vertex and contains ten circular phrases: 'in the forest', 'roller coaster', 'garden', 'giving a dog a bath', 'lost an earring', 'at the zoo', 'pet dog', 'first baseball game', 'baking cookies', and 'at the zoo'. The right triangle is labeled 'A' at its bottom vertex and contains ten circular phrases: 'doctor's office', 'reading a book', 'watching TV', 'going swimming', 'getting ready for school', 'birthday party', 'eating a meal', 'getting ready to go camping', 'watching TV', and 'getting ready for school'. A stack of white inference cards is placed between the two triangles.



Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Make other inference triangles and cards (Activity Master C.022.AM4).



Comprehension

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C.022.AM1b

A large triangle is oriented with its top vertex at the top of the page. Inside the triangle, there are 12 circles arranged in four columns. A large, light blue letter 'B' is positioned near the top vertex. At the bottom vertex, there is a small icon of a pair of scissors, indicating where to cut out the triangle.

- Column 1 (leftmost):
 - in the forest
 - roller coaster
 - gardening
 - giving a dog a bath
- Column 2:
 - library
 - lost an earring
 - first baseball game
- Column 3:
 - pet dog
 - at the zoo
- Column 4 (rightmost):
 - baking cookies

Comprehension

C.022.AM2a

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<p>A person takes your temperature. Another person listens to your heart and asks how you are feeling.</p> <p>Where are you?</p>	<p>You watch the screen. You see a man telling what the weather will be tomorrow. You switch the channel to watch a cartoon.</p> <p>What are you doing?</p>
<p>The boy looked at the cover and read the title. He looked at the pictures and some of the words. He went back to the beginning and began.</p> <p>What is the boy doing?</p>	<p>The girl changed her clothes. She grabbed a towel and sunscreen. When she got there she walked to the edge, took a deep breath, and jumped in.</p> <p>What is the girl doing?</p>
<p>Mom made a cake, decorated it, and put candles on it. There are lots of balloons. Children came with presents. Everyone played games.</p> <p>What is going on?</p>	<p>My brother woke up early and got dressed. After he ate breakfast, he waited for the bus. He and all the other children arrived as the bell was ringing.</p> <p>What is my brother doing?</p>
<p>Dad put the tent and sleeping bags in the back of the car. Mom put the food in a cooler. The family got in the car and headed for the mountains.</p> <p>What is the family doing?</p>	<p>The family took a cart and pushed it to the first row. They chose vegetables and fruit. Next they picked out meat and tomato sauce. Then they paid for it all and a lady put it in bags.</p> <p>Where did the family go?</p>



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C.022.AM2b

<p>The children lined up at the door. Some took a ball and others took jump ropes. They ran out and began playing games.</p> <p>Where did the children go?</p>	<p>He put meat, broccoli, and french fries on his plate. He picked up his knife and fork, cut the meat, put it in his mouth and began to chew.</p> <p>What is he doing?</p>
<p>The children read the directions. They got out a bowl and pans. They put sugar, flour, and butter in a bowl. They rolled it into balls, and put them in the oven.</p> <p>What are they making?</p>	<p>The family saw many animals. First, they saw the giraffes. Then they went to the bear den. They thought the monkeys were very fun to watch.</p> <p>Where is this family?</p>
<p>You have to give it plenty of food and water. It needs to go outside and get fresh air and sunshine. You need to pet it and play with it.</p> <p>What do you have?</p>	<p>It was very quiet when we entered. There were people at tables. Others stood at shelves. We saw many books.</p> <p>What building were you in?</p>
<p>She cried and cried. She made a poster and offered a reward. She wasn't sure when it had happened. She did not know if it had just fallen off or if she had dropped it when she put it on.</p> <p>Why is she crying?</p>	<p>It was the night before. He was excited and could not sleep. His uniform lay on the bed. He had practiced with his bat and ball. The coach said this was going to be a great season.</p> <p>What is happening the next day?</p>



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C.022.AM2c

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<p>He heard a sound of twigs breaking. He was startled when an owl hooted. He walked through the trees and came to a creek.</p> <p>Where is he?</p>	<p>We have tickets. We go to our seat and strap ourselves in. The cars start to move very slowly up the hill. Finally, we are at the top and then we quickly race down.</p> <p>Where are they?</p>
<p>The man made rows and put one type in each. He covered them and watered the rows every day. Soon he saw sprouts and he was able to pick them.</p> <p>What is the man doing?</p>	<p>The boy ran the water. He called Skippy. Skippy hopped in and splashed. He got the soap, scrubbed Skippy, and rinsed him off. Skippy barked and shook himself off.</p> <p>What was happening?</p>



Answer Key A

Where are you?	doctor's office
What is the boy doing?	reading a book
What are you doing?	watching TV
Where did the children go?	to the playground
What is going on?	birthday party
What is the girl doing?	going swimming
What is the family doing?	getting ready to go camping
What is he doing?	eating a meal
Where did the family go?	grocery store
What is my brother doing?	getting ready for school

Answer Key B

What are they making?	baking cookies
Where is the family?	at the zoo
What do you have?	pet dog
What building were you in?	library
Why is she crying?	lost an earring
What is happening the next day?	first baseball game
Where is he?	in the forest
Where are they?	roller coaster
What is the man doing?	gardening
What was happening?	giving a dog a bath

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C.022.AM4

