

This material is intended as a review to help you refresh your reading skills prior to the assessment. It is not meant to teach you new material. If you run into difficulties, it's time to stop and make an appointment for your assessment.

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Sometimes when you are reading you must go beyond the printed word on the page, to what is hinted at or likely to be true, given the set of facts. Inferences can only be made when there are facts to back them.

Example: The old man staggered along the sidewalk, his torn, grey coat flapping in the wind.

You might think that the man is drunk, but really the facts don't substantiate that inference. That would be a guess. It could be that the man has been mugged, that he is sick, or that he has had a medical crisis such as a heart attack. All of these could be the case, or some other explanation may be possible. Unless the facts support the inference, it could be incorrect.

You can make accurate inferences when you:

- think about all the ideas that are presented.
- think about the suggested or implied meaning of the words used.
- ensure they are supported by facts.

The following words in a reading may suggest you need to make an inference:

"implies that ..."

"infers that"

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it.

Of all the farm animals a person might own, the goat is the best personal

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it.

A diary is a daily personal record. In it the writer is free to record anything at all. This may include events, comments, ideas, reading notes, or any subject on one's mind. Diaries may be kept for various purposes – to record the experiences of one's life so as not to forget them, to record ideas that might prove useful, or simply to express oneself through the medium of the printed word.

In past centuries people in public life often kept diaries. ~~These~~

2. The most famous diary ever written in English was kept by
 - A. Samuel Johnson
 - B. Samuel Pepys
 - C. Anne Frank

3. Diary of a Young Girl was written
 - A. during the civil war
 - B. in the 1940s
 - C. during the 19th century

4. Anne Frank's diary describes
 - A. the years her family spent hiding from the Nazis
 - B. a German concentration camp
 - C. the life of an average young girl

5. Diaries of the past may give a truer picture of an age than published books because
 - A. diaries are uncensored
 - B. published books give only one point of view
 - C. amateur writers were more thorough than professional writers

6. Today's diarists may not be as confidential as those in the past because
 - A. they expect that their diaries will be read by others
 - B. they have more secrets to hide
 - C. people today are harsher critics

7. You may conclude from the article that Samuel Pepys wrote his diary in code and shorthand because
 - A. he was fond of mysteries
 - B. he did not want his diary to be read by the wrong people
 - C. he could not write in proper English

8. It is probable that most people keep diaries in order to

