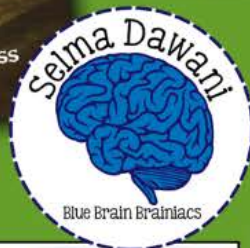


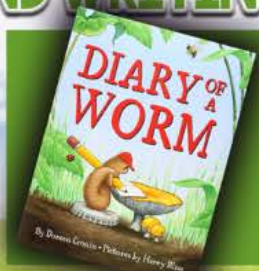
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Name: _____ Date: _____

Inference Bag

List of Bag Contents

Clues from the Bag

My Background Knowledge

I'm inferring,

TRY TO INFER

Who can the items belong to?

Name: _____ Date: _____

What can we infer?

Image



Clues from the Picture

My Background Knowledge

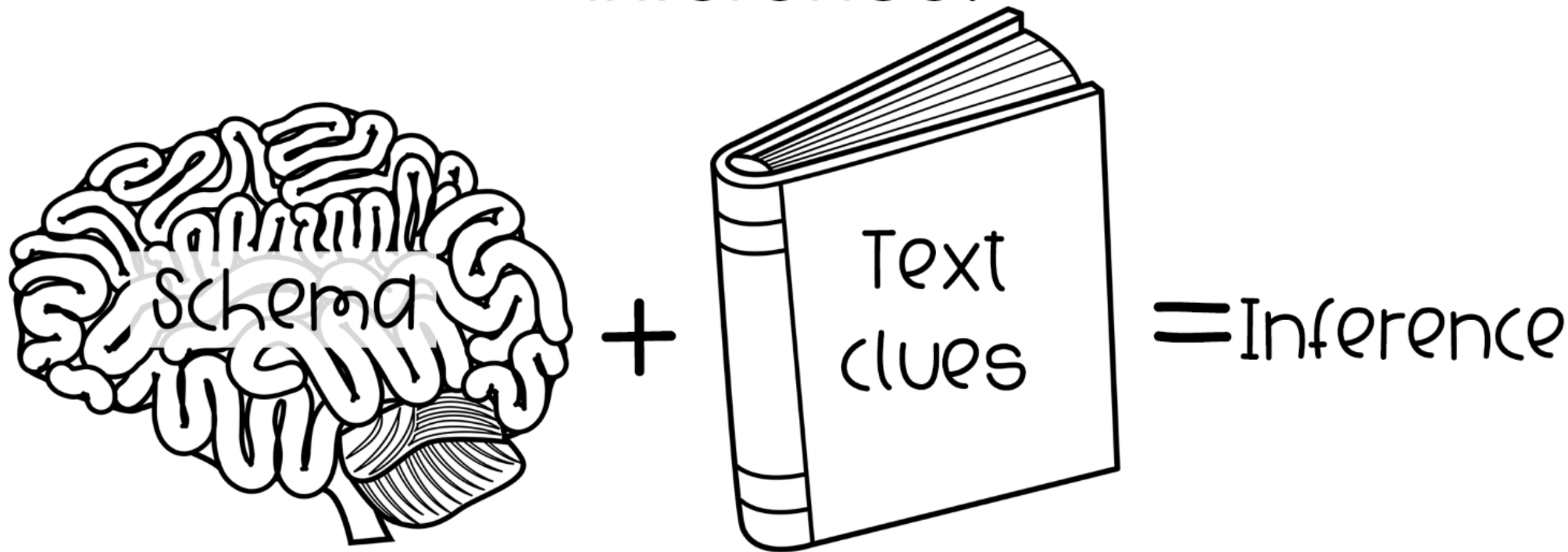
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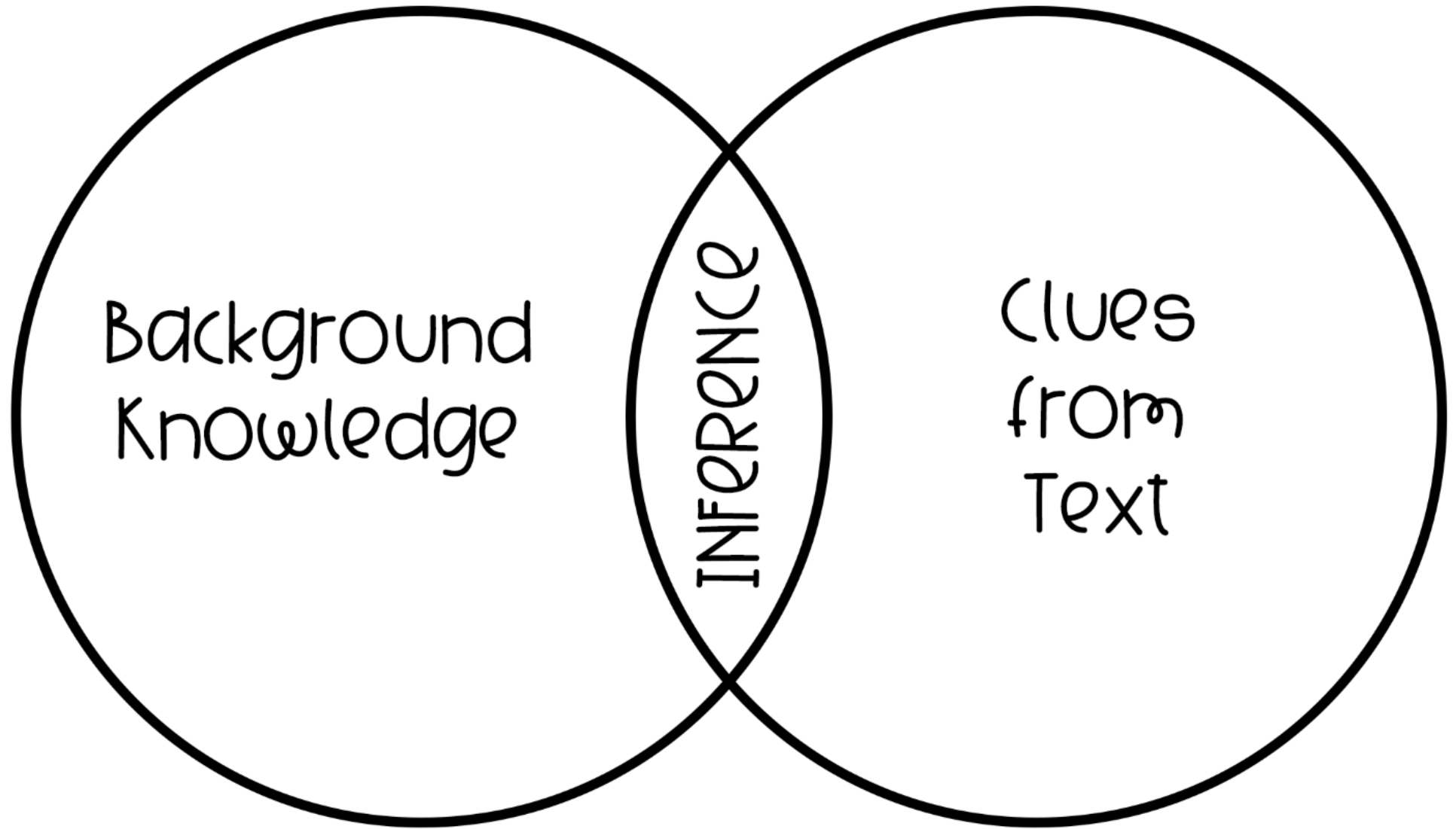
What is going on in the picture
and why?

Making an Inference

When authors don't tell everything about characters and events and readers have to use story clues and background knowledge to make an inference.



An Inference is the Intersection of Meaning



Name: _____ Date: _____

Making Inferences: Diary of a Worm

TEXT

March 29

Today I tried to teach Spider how to dig.

First all of his legs got stuck.

Then he swallowed a bunch of dirt.

Tomorrow he's going to teach me how to walk upside down.



TRY TO INFER

Do you think that worm will be able to walk upside down?

Clues from the Text

My Background Knowledge

I'm inferring,

Name: _____ Date: _____

Making Inferences: Diary of a Worm

TEXT

April 4

Fishing season started today.
We all dug deeper.

Clues from the Text

My Background Knowledge

I'm inferring,

TRY TO INFER

Why does Worm say that they all dug deeper once fishing season started?



Name: _____ Date: _____



Making Inferences: Diary of a Worm

TEXT

April 10

It rained all night and the ground was soaked. We spent the entire day on the side walk.

Hopscotch is a very dangerous game.

Clues from the Text

My Background Knowledge

I'm inferring,

TRY TO INFER

Why does Worm say that hopscotch is a dangerous game?

Name: _____ Date: _____

Making Inferences: Diary of a Worm

TEXT

May 15

I got into a fight with Spider today. He told me you need legs to be cool. Then he ran. I couldn't keep up. Maybe he's right.

May 16

I made Spider laugh so hard, he fell out of his tree. Who needs legs?

Clues from the Text

My Background Knowledge

I'm inferring,

TRY TO INFER

What does Worm really mean about his friendship with Spider when he says "Who needs legs?"



Name: _____ Date: _____

Worms Nightmare: Dairy Entry

TEXT

May 8
Had the worst
nightmare last night -
giant birds playing
hopscotch.

Mom says I have to
stop eating so much
garbage right before
I go to bed.

Think about Worms nightmare and why he might have dreamt of giant birds playing hopscotch. Find evidence from the text that supports your thinking:

Mom says that Worm needs to stop eating so much garbage before bed, why might mom say that:

WRITING ACTIVITY

Write a diary entry for the night of May 7 that explains what Worm might have been thinking about and what he ate that supports how he was feeling the next day on May 8.

