

Inference Detectives with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To develop the skill of inference by using clues from the text to understand a character's feelings and actions.

Read the short story below. Kit the Fox has left some clues about what is happening. Use your best detective skills to answer the questions, remembering that you need to look for evidence in the text to support your ideas.

Kit the Fox sat at his desk, his whiskers twitching as he stared at the tangled mess of copper wires. He let out a long, heavy sigh and rubbed his tired eyes. Beside him, a half-finished wooden robot sat motionless. He picked up his screwdriver, but his hand trembled slightly, and he set it back down with a clatter. He looked out of the window at the setting sun, then pushed his chair back and walked over to the shelf to find a book about star charts instead. He didn't look back at the robot once.

Word bank: Inference · Evidence · Clue · Character · Feeling · Action

1. How is Kit feeling about his project? Use a word from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

2. What tells you that Kit is finding the task difficult? (2 marks)

3. Why did Kit decide to stop working on the robot and look at his star charts instead? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'his hand trembled slightly' suggest about Kit's state of mind? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Kit will finish the robot tomorrow? Explain your reasoning using evidence from the passage. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Kit's workbench. Include the details mentioned in the story and one extra item that shows what Kit might be interested in doing next.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing how Kit might feel if he finally succeeds in fixing the robot tomorrow. Use at least two 'show, don't tell' sentences to describe his excitement.