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# Reading Between the Lines

To infer something is to draw a conclusion by looking at the facts. The trick is to look carefully at the information you have. In this activity, you will make inferences from dialogue in *Inkheart*.

**Directions:** Read the dialogue below, and answer the corresponding questions.

**1. MEGGIE:** Maybe you'll find it.

**MO:** Find what?

**MEGGIE:** That book you're always looking for. You don't think I've noticed?

We never leave a bookstore until you've checked every shelf. (*Scene 1*)

What does this dialogue say about Meggie, Mo, and their relationship?

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**2. DUSTFINGER:** Has your father ever read you a bedtime story, Meggie?

**MEGGIE:** No.

**DUSTFINGER:** Maybe you should ask him why. (*Scene 4*)

Why do you think Dustfinger asks Meggie this? Do you think Mo has a secret?

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**3. MO:** The first and last time it happened I was your age, reading *The Jungle Book* aloud.

Suddenly, a mongoose appeared and ran out my window.

**ELINOR:** Rikki-tikki-tavi!

**MO:** After that, I never read aloud again—until you were 3, Meggie. I figured the mongoose was my childhood imagination, so I opened *Inkheart*. That was the night we lost your mother. (*Scene 5*)

What do you think happened to Meggie's mother?

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