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Reading Between the Lines

To infer something is to draw a conclusion by evaluating the facts presented to you. To draw educated conclusions, you must consider all of the information carefully. In this activity, you will make inferences from the dialogue in the play *Pink Panther 2*.

Directions: Read the lines of dialogue below, and answer the questions that follow.

1. Context: Inspector Clouseau is en route from France to Japan to join a team of investigators who are working to catch the Tornado, an international thief.

N4: Clouseau and his sidekick, Ponton, are in line at the airport.

CLOUSEAU: Ponton, this case is very strange. For 10 years, the Tornado terrorized Europe, stealing more than a quarter of a billion dollars' worth of artifacts. Then he stopped! Why, after 10 years of inactivity, does he suddenly spring back into action?

NEWSCASTER 1: In Paris, France, the legendary Pink Panther diamond has been stolen.

N2: Horrified, Clouseau and Ponton leave the airport.

Why do Clouseau and Ponton leave the airport?

- Ⓐ Their flight was canceled.
- Ⓑ They know the Tornado is in France.
- Ⓒ They know where the Pink Panther diamond is.
- Ⓓ Ponton is really the Tornado.

2. Context: A group of crime experts has gathered to catch the Tornado.

PEPPERIDGE: Gentlemen, we must determine how the crime was committed—a task for which I am suited, as I am an expert at deduction.

CLOUSEAU: You are an expert at deduction?

PEPPERIDGE: That is my field.

CLOUSEAU: I believe you are experiencing hip pain.

PEPPERIDGE: How did you know?

CLOUSEAU: One side of the sole of your shoe is worn more than the other. You are favoring your right leg.

What is Clouseau trying to prove?

- Ⓐ Pepperidge has a hip problem.
- Ⓑ Pepperidge should see a doctor.
- Ⓒ Clouseau is also an expert at deduction.
- Ⓓ Clouseau is an expert at diagnosing hip problems.

WRITE NOW!

Write your own inference question from dialogue in the play. Follow the format above. Then, trade your question with a friend and answer each other's questions.