

Inferring With Music Lyrics

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Musical Inferring & Predicting

Inferring occurs when a reader uses clues to figure out information that is not provided while predictions occur when the reader uses what they know to guess what will happen later. Use the lyrics below to answer the inferring and predicting questions in the space provided. Do not read ahead in the lyrics. Base your answers on the section of text given.

Carrie Underwood

Two black Cadillacs driving in a slow parade.
Headlights shining bright in the middle of the day.
One is for his wife,
The other for the woman who loved him at night.
Two black Cadillacs meeting for the first time.

Where do you think the two black Cadillacs are going? Why?

What can you infer about the personality of the husband? What makes you think this?

Carrie Underwood

And the preacher said he was a good man,
And his brother said he was a good friend
But the women in the two black veils didn't bother to cry
They took turns laying a rose down,
Threw a handful of dirt into the deep ground
He's not the only one who had a secret to hide

How do the women and other family members feel about this tragedy? Give evidence

What do you think the last line means? Who has a secret and what is the secret? What evidence did you use to make your prediction?

Carrie Underwood

Two months ago his wife called the number on his phone.
Turns out, he'd been lying to both of them for oh so long.
They decided then
He'd never get away with doing this to them.
Two black Cadillacs, waiting for the right time
The right time

What can you infer about this phone conversation (who is talking on the phone, what do they discuss etc). Give evidence to support your inferences.

Carrie Underwood

It was the first and the last time they ever saw each other face to face
They shared a crimson smile, and just walked away,
And left the secret at the grave.

Why you think the two women smiled at each other? What does the last line infer.

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I heard that you're settled down
That you found a girl and you're married now
I heard that your dreams came true
Guess she gave you things I didn't give to you

What can you infer about the relationship between the speaker and the person she is talking to? What evidence did you use to come to this conclusion?



Old friend, why are you so shy?
Ain't like you to hold back or hide from the light

I hate to turn up out of the blue, uninvited
But I couldn't stay away, I couldn't fight it
I had hoped you'd see my face and that you'd be reminded
That for me, it isn't over

Where is the speaker at this point in the song? How do you know this?

Make a prediction about how the person she is talking to will react. What makes you think this?



Adele

Never mind, I'll find someone like you
I wish nothing but the best for you, too
Don't forget me, I begged, I remember you said
Sometimes it lasts in love, but sometimes it hurts instead

How did the conversation go? Discuss how you think the person reacted, what was said, and how they felt.



Adele

You know how the time flies
Only yesterday was the time of our lives
We were born and raised in a summer haze
Bound by the surprise of our glory days

Nothing compares, no worries or cares
Regrets and mistakes, they're memories made
Who would have known how bittersweet this would taste?

Based on these lyrics, discuss how you think the speaker feels and what she will do now. Give evidence for your answer.

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**Taylor
Swift**

Drew looks at me
I fake a smile so he won't see
What I want and I need
And everything that we should be

I'll bet she's beautiful
That girl he talks about
And she's got everything
That I have to live without

Who is Drew? What can you infer about him by what the speaker says? Give evidence.

**Taylor
Swift**

Drew talks to me
I laugh 'cause it's just so funny
I can't even see
Anyone when he's with me

He says he's so in love
He's finally got it right
I wonder if he knows
He's all I think about at night

He's the reason for the teardrops on my guitar
The only thing that keeps me wishing on a wishing star
He's the song in the car I keep singing
Don't know why I do

What can you infer about the relationship between the speaker and Drew? Give evidence. Do you think they will end up together? Why or why not?

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You were my sun
You were my earth
But you didn't know all the ways I loved you, no
So you took a chance
And made other plans
But I bet you didn't think that they would come crashing
down, no

What can you infer about the relationship between these two people? How has it changed?



You don't have to say, what you did,
I already know, I found out from him
Now there's just no chance, for you and me, there'll never be
And don't it make you sad about it

What happened to the relationship? Who was to blame? How do you know this?



You told me you loved me
 Why did you leave me, all alone
 Now you tell me you need me
 When you call me, on the phone
 Girl I refuse, you must have me confused
 With some other guy
 Your bridges were burned, and now it's your turn
 To cry, cry me a river

What emotions do you think the speaker and the girl are feeling from these lyrics? Give evidence to support your answer.



I know that they say
 That somethings are better left unsaid
 It wasn't like you only talked to him and you know it
 (Don't act like you don't know it)
 All of these things people told me
 Kept messing with my head
 (Messing with my head)
 You should've picked honesty
 Then you may not have blown it.

Make a prediction about the future of this relationship. Give reasons for your prediction.

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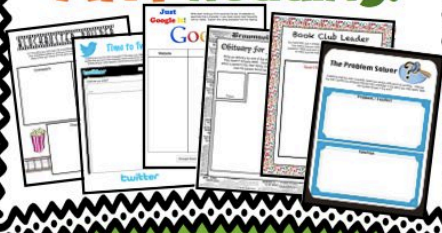
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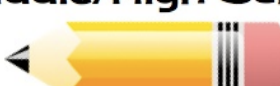
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