

# Parents as Partners

## READING AT HOME



### CHAPTER 7

## Inferring

Good readers think about what the author means, but doesn't really say.

This is sometimes called reading between the lines. Readers combine their own ideas with the author's words and pictures to make sense of the story.

For example, if an author wrote, "The girl blew out the candles and made a wish," the reader might infer that it is the girl's birthday.



### When inferring, you might say...

- I'm thinking that...
- I'm wondering...
- Maybe...
- ... makes me believe...
- I believe...
- I'm concluding that...
- I think... did that because...
- I'd feel... if I were that character.
- I think... might really be...
- I think the author might be saying...
- I think this text might really be about...
- I think that word means...

