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#### Inference vs. Detail #4

##### **What is an inference?**

An inference is a conclusion a reader can arrive at through reasoning based on evidence (details) in a text. In other words, an inference is something a reader can figure out through reading a text.

##### **What is a detail?**

In reading, a detail is the textual evidence that leads us to and supports the inference that we make. In other words, details are words and phrases that are stated by the author.

#### **Directions: Read the passage and fill in the answers below.**

As winter drew on, Mollie became more and more troublesome. She was late for work every morning and excused herself by saying that she had overslept, and she complained of mysterious pains, although her appetite was excellent. On every kind of pretext she would run away from work and go to the drinking pool, where she would stand foolishly gazing at her own reflection in the water. But there were also rumours of something more serious. One day, as Mollie strolled blithely into the yard, flirting her long tail and chewing at a stalk of hay, Clover took her aside.

Make an inference about the character Mollie:

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Detail from the story:

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Explain how details prove your inference:

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