

Guided Instruction

RL.5.1



WORDS TO KNOW

intricate
resonant
scurrying

You can use evidence to **draw inferences**, or figure out what is really going on in a text.

CITE EVIDENCE

A Sometimes an author will tell you directly, or explicitly, what a character thinks or feels. Underline a sentence that explicitly tells you what the narrator thinks of his brothers.

B Information isn't always stated directly. You need to **draw inferences**, or use evidence to make good guesses. Circle details that help you infer what the narrator is like. How is he like people you know?

Like a Book

(Genre: Realistic Fiction)

- 1 I sat in the big chair in the living room with my history book propped on my knee like a shield. Foam balls flew fast and furiously through the air—my little twin brothers had developed their own game that involved not just one ball but two, plus an assortment of other objects and at least three different goals that I knew of. They kept at least one or two of the goals secret even from each other.
- 2 I love my little brothers, but I hate it when they get going with their **intricate**, made-up ballgames. Tonight, with a test in the morning, I could not be distracted. Dad wouldn't be home until later, and Mom was upstairs working in her office. I wasn't exactly babysitting, but I felt like I was. I had to either endure this noisy activity or find a way to...somehow...end it.
- 3 A foam football bounced off my textbook and arced through the door to the kitchen.
- 4 "Score!!" Leo yelled.
- 5 I got an idea. "Lester, Leo, come to me," I said in my best Tracker voice. The Tracker was a fantasy character I had invented. I drew comics about him. He was a noble warrior from a planet that existed long ago and far away. His name, Tracker, came from the fact that he could track down any enemy, anywhere, even in another dimension. He spoke in a deep, **resonant** voice with an accent that sounded a bit Scottish. I think I did a pretty good job of speaking the way I imagined he would sound.
- 6 Most of the time, my brothers like it when I use my Tracker voice, because it means some make-believe game about ancient space warriors is about to start. Tonight, though, they were more interested in their own