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To help you make inferences as you read, remember:

- An **inference** is a combination of text clues and what you already know.
- A **text clue** is a key word or detail that helps a reader figure out an unstated idea.
- **Background knowledge** is what you already know about a topic.

Make Inferences Text Marks



Underline **text clues**.



Think about **what you already know**.



Write an **inference** on the lines.

Read "Champion Skippers." Find text clues and combine them with your own knowledge to make an inference. Then mark the text.

Champion Skippers

The Summerville Skippers are a jump rope group from Boise, Idaho. They won the World Championship Title for Team USA. That title is equal to the Olympics of Jump Rope. In 2010, five Skippers competed in a Guinness World Records Day celebration. The three girls and two boys set a new record for Double-Dutch style skips. What was their record-breaking number? It was 371 skips in a row!

Mark the Text

Make an inference: What is "Double Dutch" jump rope?



Underline text clues.



Think about what you already know.



Write your inference on the lines.

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Read "Youngest Climber." Find text clues and combine them with your own knowledge to make an inference. Then mark the text.



Youngest Climber

In May 2010, 13-year-old Jordan Romero set a world record. Even more amazing, he did it on top of the world! Jordan climbed to the summit of Mount Everest. It is the highest mountain in the world. He became the youngest person ever to climb Everest.

Jordan made the climb with his father, his mother, and three Sherpas. Jordan hopes to climb the Seven Summits. Those are the highest points on all seven continents. Reactions to Jordan's climb were mixed. Many people think he is a hero. Others think a 13-year-old shouldn't be on Everest. Every year, climbers die on the mountain. One thing is for sure, Jordan is a top teen athlete.

Mark the Text

Make an inference: Why do some people think it was wrong for Jordan to climb Mt. Everest?

 Underline text clues.



Think about what you already know.



Write your inference on the lines.

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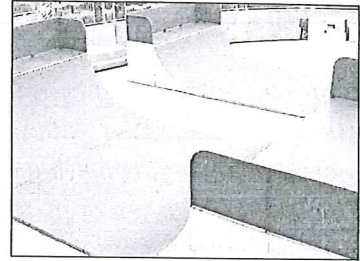
Read "Wheelchair Champ." Find text clues and combine them with your own knowledge to make an inference. Then mark the text.

Wheelchair Champ

Aaron Fotheringham is a true champ. He was born with spina bifida. The disease paralyzed him from the waist down. But getting around in a wheelchair hasn't stopped Aaron. When he was just 8, he went to a skateboard park. Ten years later, he is a record-setter on his wheelchair skateboard.

In 2008, Aaron landed a single back flip in his wheelchair. Right away, Aaron set a new goal for himself. He would try a double back flip. Aaron attempted the trick over and over again. Finally, in 2010, Aaron did it. He flew off a ramp, landed a double back flip, and went into the record books.


What does a champ do next? Aaron is working with disabled children. He hopes to inspire them to reach their own dreams.




Mark the Text

Make an inference: Why do you think Aaron has become a champ?

 Underline text clues.

 Think about what you already know.

 Write your inference on the lines.
