

Reading Skill

MAKE INFERENCES

Many times fiction writers do not explicitly state what goes through their characters’ minds. Instead, they leave it up to the reader to **make inferences**, or logical assumptions, based on evidence and experience. One thing readers often have to infer is a character’s **motivation**, or the reasons that drive his or her actions. As you read this story, think about what motivates Rosemary to act as she does.

Directions: In the chart, make notes about Rosemary’s actions. Record evidence from the text as well as your own experience. Then write what you can infer about Rosemary’s motivation. An example has been done for you.

Action	Evidence or Experience	Possible Motive
Rosemary, a woman who can shop anywhere she likes, particularly enjoys one little antique shop.	The owner of this shop is “ridiculously fond” of serving Rosemary and flatters her incessantly.	