

**infer** [ɪnˈfɜː] *v*

1. заключать, делать заключение, вывод, выводить  
from what do you infer that? - из чего ты это заключил?
2. 1) означать, подразумевать  
your silence infers consent - ваше молчание означает согласие
- 2) *разг.* предполагать, догадываться

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**infer** **AW** [infer infers inferred inferring] **BrE** [ɪnˈfɜː] **NAmE** [ɪnˈfɜːr] **verb**

(-rr-)

1. to reach an opinion or decide that sth is true on the basis of information that is available

**Syn:** ↑deduce

- ~ **sth (from sth)** Much of the meaning must be inferred from the context.
- Readers are left to infer the killer's motives.
- ~ **that...** It is reasonable to infer that the government knew about these deals.
- 2. ~ **(that)...** | ~ **sth (non-standard)** to suggest indirectly that sth is true
- Are you inferring (that) I'm not capable of doing the job?

**Verb forms:** verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	infer
	BrE /ɪnˈfɜː(r)/
	NAmE /ɪnˈfɜːr/
he / she / it	infers
	BrE /ɪnˈfɜːz/
	NAmE /ɪnˈfɜːrɪz/
past simple, past participle	inferred
	BrE /ɪnˈfɜːd/
	NAmE /ɪnˈfɜːrd/
-ing form	inferring
	BrE /ɪnˈfɜːrɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪnˈfɜːrɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

late 15th cent. (in the sense 'bring about, inflict'): from Latin **inferre** 'bring in, bring about' (in medieval Latin 'deduce'), from **in-** 'into' + **ferre** 'bring'.

**Which Word?:**

**infer / imply**

Infer and imply have opposite meanings. The two words can describe the same event, but from different points of view. If a speaker or writer implies something, they suggest it without saying it directly: ▫ The article implied that the pilot was responsible for the accident. If you infer something from what a speaker or writer says, you come to the conclusion that this is what he or she means: ▫ I inferred from the article that the pilot was responsible for the accident.

Infer is now often used with the same meaning as imply. However, many people consider that a sentence such as ▫ Are you inferring that I'm a liar? is incorrect, although it is fairly common in speech.

**Example Bank:**

- From this study we can reasonably infer that this characteristic is inherited.
- It is difficult to infer anything from such evidence.
- It can be inferred from the evidence that the killer was quite a young man.
- It is reasonable to infer that the government knew all about this.
- Much of the meaning can be inferred from the context.
- What can we infer about the state of mind of the writer?

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**infer** **AC** /ɪnˈfɜːr-ɪ/ **BrE** **AmE** **verb** (past tense and past participle **inferred**, present participle **inferring**) [transitive]

[**Word Family:** verb: ↑infer; noun: ↑inference; adverb: ↑inferentially; adjective: ↑inferential]

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** inferre, from ferre 'to carry']

to form an opinion that something is probably true because of information that you have

**infer something from something**

▫ A lot can be inferred from these statistics.

**infer that**

▫ From the evidence, we can infer that the victim knew her killer.

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RANGE: **5k** **INFER** <sup>3775</sup>

infer <sup>943</sup>

inferring 132

inferred 728

infers 89

inference 1046

inferences 837

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