

**inference**[ˈɪnf(ə)rəns] *n*

1. 1) вывод, заключение; умозаключение  
unfounded inferences - необоснованные выводы /заключения/  
to draw an inference from smth. - сделать вывод из /на основании/ чего-л.
- 2) выведение  
by inference - путём выведения; как вывод
2. подразумеваемое, предполагаемое; предположение  
that is a mere inference - это лишь предположение

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**in-fer-ence** **AW** [inference inferences] **BrE** [ˈɪnfərəns] <sup>ɳ</sup> **NAmE** [ˈɪnfərəns] <sup>ɳ</sup>**noun**

1. **countable** something that you can find out indirectly from what you already know

**Syn:** ↑deduction

- to **draw/make inferences** from the data
- The clear inference is that the universe is expanding.

2. **uncountable** the act or process of forming an opinion, based on what you already know

- If he is guilty then, **by inference**, so is his wife (= it is logical to think so, from the same evidence).

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from medieval Latin *inferentia*, from *inferent-* 'bringing in', from the verb *inferre* 'bring in, bring about' (in medieval Latin 'deduce'), from *in-* 'into' + *ferre* 'bring'.

Collocations:**Scientific research***Theory*

formulate/advance a theory/hypothesis

build/construct/create/develop a simple/theoretical/mathematical model

develop/establish/provide/use a theoretical/conceptual framework

advance/argue/develop the thesis that...

explore an idea/a concept/a hypothesis

make a prediction/an inference

base a prediction/your calculations on sth

investigate/evaluate /accept/challenge /reject a theory/hypothesis/model

*Experiment*

design an experiment/a questionnaire/a study/a test

do research/an experiment/an analysis

make observations/measurements/calculations

carry out/conduct/perform an experiment/a test/a longitudinal study/observations/clinical trials

run an experiment/a simulation/clinical trials

repeat an experiment/a test/an analysis

replicate a study/the results/the findings

observe/study/examine /investigate/assess a pattern/a process/a behaviour/(especially US) a behavior

fund/support the research/project/study

seek/provide/get/secure funding for research

*Results*

collect/gather/extract data/information

yield data/evidence/similar findings/the same results

analyse/examine the data/soil samples/a specimen

consider/compare/interpret the results/findings

fit the data/model

confirm/support/verify a prediction/a hypothesis/the results/the findings

prove a conjecture/hypothesis/theorem

draw/make/reach the same conclusions

read/review the records/literature

describe/report an experiment/a study

present/publish/summarize the results/findings

present/publish/read/review /cite a paper in a scientific journal

Example Bank:

- The value of data depends on our skill in drawing inferences from it.
- inferences based on their answers to a number of set questions
- If he is guilty then, by inference, so is his partner.
- There are certain inferences we can draw about the origins of language.
- What inferences can we draw from this data?

**inference****in** **fer** **ence** **AC** /'ɪnfərəns/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

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

**1.** [countable] something that you think is true, based on information that you have**draw/make inferences (about/from something)**

What inferences have you drawn from this evidence?

**2.** [uncountable] when someone infers something**by inference**

He was portrayed as a hero and, by inference, Thompson as the villain.

**—inferential** /,ɪnfə'renʃəl/ *adjective*:

inferential evidence

**—inferentially** *adverb***inference**

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