

PROMPTS FOR INFERENCE SESSIONS

What's happening in the picture/video clip?

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If they don't get it right, then you have to break it down by Face, Body, and Objects:

F = Face

Let's look at their faces. What do you notice about his/her face?

If they do not name an emotion, say:

Let's look at his/her eyebrows. What are his/her eyebrows doing? (up, down, narrowed)

Let's look at his/her eyes. What are his/her eyes doing? (open, closed, looking down, wide open)

Where are his/her eyes looking?

Sometimes they look closed, but sometimes people can be doing this [imitate if needed]

Let's look at his/her mouth. What do you notice about his/her mouth? (wide open, smiling, frowning, grimacing)

So what emotion is he/she feeling? (go through each person individually)

If they name a simplistic emotion (happy, sad, mad, scared):

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If they are not able to label the emotion, go back to specific parts of faces (eyebrows, eyes, mouth).

If they name an appropriate emotion, say:

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B = Body

Sometimes we get meaning from someone's hand gestures or body position.

Let's look at each person's body.

What do you notice about his/her body? Look at each part of his/her body.

What does that mean? Why are they doing that?

O = Object

Let's look at the objects in the picture. What do you notice about the background and any objects in the picture?

What does that mean?

If they didn't get it right before, go back to the initial question.

What's happening in the picture? Break it down to still pictures from video if needed.

If they can't figure it out, say, you said ____ and ____ and _____. What does that mean?

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Do not ask leading questions such as:

Where do you think they are? – This makes a person focus on what you pointed out and takes away from the process that is required for figuring it out and pulling it all together.