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# Making Inferences

Making an inference means using clues from the text to figure out something the author doesn't tell you directly.

**Directions:** Answer the questions or follow the directions that appear in italics to fill in what's missing from the chart. When you're done, the clues from *Follow the Water* will be listed in the column on the left, and inferences you can make from those clues will be listed in the column on the right. We completed the first row for you.

Clues	Inference
<p>1. "Can we do this another day?" I plead. "Look at my arm!"</p> <p>"I feel like a lab rat," I say, baring my arm reluctantly for the doctor. (p. 12)</p>	<p><i>What do these lines reveal about Georgiana's participation in scientific research?</i></p> <p>These lines reveal that Georgiana has probably had blood taken several times before and is not happy about being used for research.</p>
<p>2. When describing the lack of water on Mars, Georgiana says, "I mean, I know we're here for a good reason, but who cares about saving humankind when you can't wash your hair?" (p. 13)</p>	<p><i>From this line, what can you infer about how Georgiana feels about her living conditions on Mars?</i></p>
<p>3. <i>Find two lines that support the inference on the right.</i></p>	<p>Nana is very important to Georgiana.</p>

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<p>4. Georgiana’s parents tell her that she may never walk again if she returns to Earth. Georgiana’s voice wavers as she says, “Didn’t you know about this before you brought me here?”(p. 14)</p>	<p><i>What does Georgiana’s voice wavering suggest about what she is feeling at this moment?</i></p>
<p>5. <i>Find a moment in the story that supports the inference on the right.</i></p>	<p>Georgiana and her father aren’t usually affectionate with each other.</p>
<p>6. “I hesitate for a moment, stare down at my legs.” (p. 17)</p>	<p><i>What can you infer from this line about Georgiana’s decision to stow away on the supply shuttle?</i></p>